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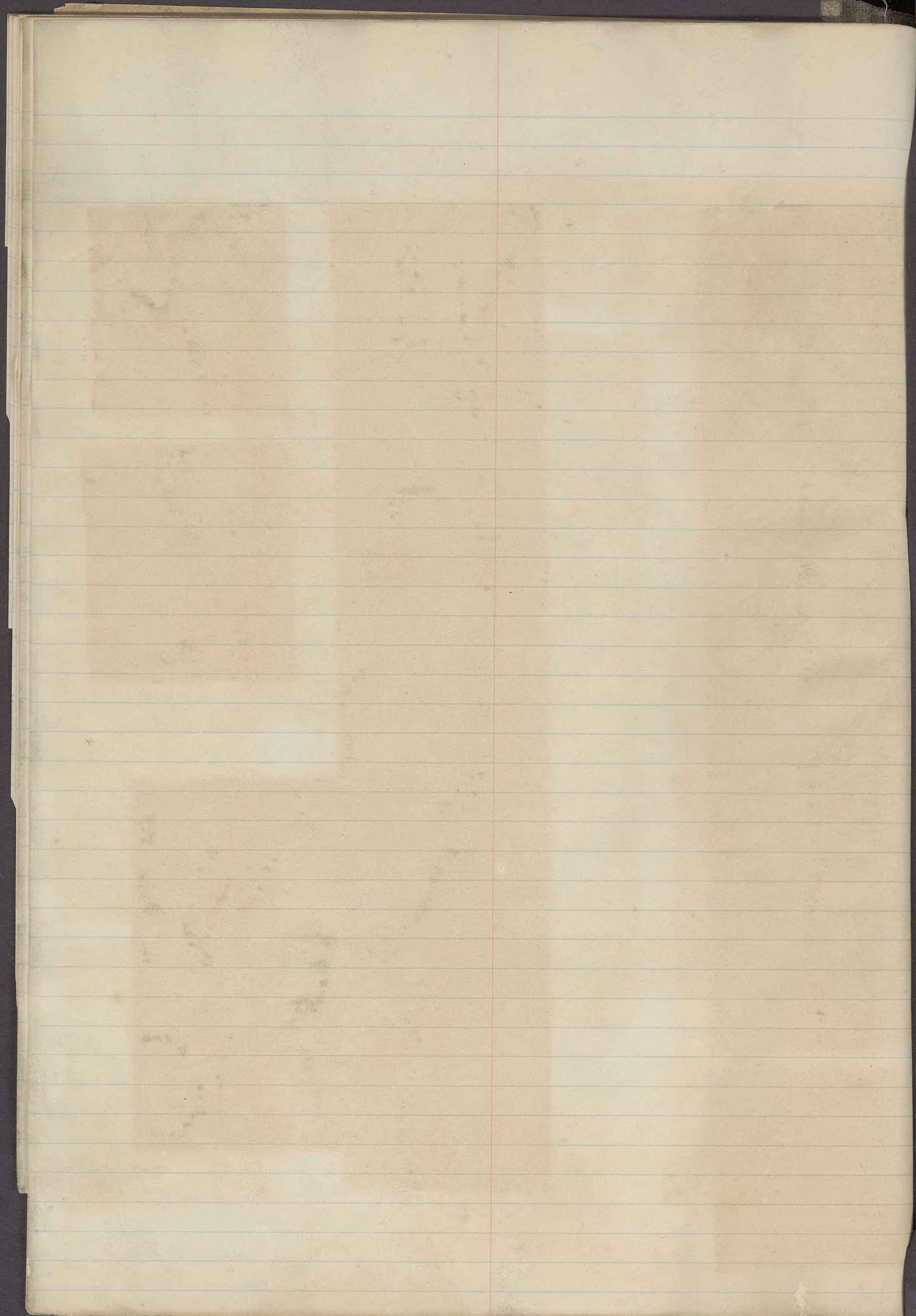
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Thursday

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## DRAFTS NEW BILL TO RELIEVE POOR

County Auditor Will Ask Law  
to Remove Tax Burden  
From Destitute.

Asserts State Discriminates  
Against Unmarried and  
Widows.

To protect the fatherless, the weak and the needy from the burden of personal property taxation which he considers unjust, County Auditor John A. Zangerle is drafting a bill to reform the personal property taxation statutes of Ohio.

Mr. Zangerle said yesterday he will intrust the bill to a member of the Cuyahoga county delegation for presentation to the legislature at Columbus next month.

The basis upon which Auditor Zangerle's bill is drawn is that these classes of persons who, under the law are exempt from seizure of their property to satisfy court judgments, ought also be released from the burden of paying taxes on their property.

The bill will also embody a general provision for the exemption of \$500 worth of personal property from taxation. In formulating his bill, the auditor has studied the taxation statutes of several states. He finds twenty-four states more liberal in tax exemption than Ohio. Six states exempt \$200 worth of personal property from taxation, twelve states release from \$500 to \$1,000 worth, and six exempt \$250 to \$400 worth.

In New Hampshire all mortgages bearing 5 per cent. interest or less are nontaxable. New Jersey exempts all realty mortgages. Utah exempts all mortgages, while in New York bank deposits, mortgages and all property exempt from execution is tax free.

In Ohio all personal property, both tangible and intangible, is taxable. Exemption is allowed on only \$100 worth.

"Property of needy widows, unmarried women who support children of deceased relatives and others who have a hard time to make ends meet may not be seized, according to law, for the satisfaction of court judgments," said the auditor yesterday. "It follows that the law meant to treat these people with consideration, and it is time the taxation laws were amended in their behalf."

The auditor would also provide for exemption from taxation of the tools of a craftsman with which he makes his living.

## OHIO HOTEL MEN MEET

Open Sessions at Colonial, Greeted  
by Mayor.

Mayor Newton D. Baker welcomed delegates to the annual convention of the Ohio State Hotel association at the opening session in the Colonial hotel yesterday afternoon. Wives and daughters of delegates attended theater parties yesterday afternoon and last night.

Among those who read papers yesterday afternoon were W. H. Morrison of Muncie, Ind.; E. C. Eppley, Lima, O., and John Willy of Chicago.

Today there will be business sessions and an election of officers. A banquet at Hotel Statler tonight will close the convention.

## MAYOR TAKES PART IN FINANCE CLASH

City Executive in Word War  
as Smoke Commissioner's  
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Departmental Estimates Cut  
\$128,325 at End of  
Day.

Collisions between Mayor Newton D. Baker and members of council on questions of authority took place at yesterday's meeting of the council committees on appropriations and finance called for the consideration of the appropriation ordinance for next year. The members of the committee cut the pay of Smoke Commissioner E. P. Roberts from \$3,600 to \$2,400 and followed its announced policy of refusing to grant any salary increases.

"The function of appointing people is not the council's prerogative," said the mayor when Chairman William Rolf proposed that Mr. Roberts' duties be performed by John P. Shreffler, first assistant to the commissioner. A second clash occurred when the mayor pointed out that the smoke division had been created by council with board of control concurrence as provided by the charter.

"It is too bad that a board of control can stand out against the wishes of twenty-six men elected by the people," said Councilman A. J. Damm.

"You forget that the mayor is elected," said Mayor Baker.

"But he is one member of the board," returned Councilman Damm.

"He receives as many votes as all the councilmen combined," retorted the mayor.

The meeting yesterday ended with an inter-councilmanic squabble. Members Rolf and William Stolte of the council committees fought for an appropriation for street tree planting and removals after City Forester John Boddy gave warning that ravages of the tussock moth and other insects would destroy all of the trees if more funds were not allowed for the work next year than were granted in 1914. The other members of the committee voted against allowing the increase.

Cuts from departmental estimates at the end of the second day's session amount to \$128,325. More than \$1,000,000 must be cut in addition to this amount in order to wipe out the city debt of \$765,000, officials say.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin said the council could not possibly do more than reduce this debt to \$500,000. To accomplish this about \$532,000 must be cut. This would necessitate big reductions in allowances for street cleaning, street repair and welfare work. There would be no additions to the police and fire departments as sought by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch.

The street cleaning division was cut \$5,000 and the street repair division \$6,000.

Salary increases were refused W. H. Kirby, secretary to Director Sidlo; Charles Kibbee, superintendent of

## HORSESHOERS WILL VIE

Horseshoers who are applicants for the positions of city horseshoers in the garbage collection and street cleaning divisions took part in a horse shoeing contest at the garbage collection station yesterday afternoon. There were eight contestants.

The civil service commission required applicants to show their skill in the actual fitting of horseshoes and the driving of nails.

The practical test was finished yesterday and there will be a written test today.

## BAKER ROBBER SENT UP

Judge Gives Linton Indeterminate  
Term at Columbus.

Walter Linton, Ashland, O., who confessed he entered the home of Mayor Newton D. Baker Nov. 27 and at the point of a revolver forced Mrs. Baker to give up her jewelry, yesterday was sentenced to serve an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary by Common Pleas Judge P. L. A. Lieghley.

"Thank you," Linton said after Judge Lieghley had pronounced sentence.

Mrs. Linton, who says she and her children are destitute on a farm near Ashland, wrote a letter to Mrs. Baker asking that her husband be leniently dealt with.

street lighting, and Henry C. Erdman, assistant superintendent of street repair.

The mayor intimated that \$2,700 cut from his allowance and a \$3,600 saving effected by eliminating the bureau of information and publicity would be sought for the municipal symphony orchestra. A committee consisting of members of the City club will appear before the council committees this morning to ask that the \$6,500 needed for the maintenance of the orchestra in 1915 be granted. Mayor Baker will also urge that the appropriation be allowed.

It is expected that opposition will come from Councilmen J. E. Smith, William Stolte, A. J. Damm and W. S. FitzGerald. The last appropriation for the repair of the present city hall building was cut from \$4,000 to \$3,000 yesterday. Director Sidlo urged that the entire estimate stand.

"If a ceiling falls we must take care of it," he said.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell asked for \$500 for traveling expenses but was allowed \$200.

Smoke Commissioner Roberts declined to say last evening whether or not he would remain in the city service if the council accepts the recommendation of the committee regarding the cutting of his salary.

The meeting of the committee this morning is scheduled for 9:30 in the city clerk's office.



## TIMMNER'S BAND STAYS; STREETS MAY GO UNSWEPT

Herr Christiaan Timmner's municipal orchestra still lives.

In the absence of Councilman Fitzgerald, who made known his opposition, council finance and appropriations committees Thursday by a vote of 3 to 2 appropriated \$10,575 for the orchestra for 1915. Mayor Baker led the fight for Timmner.

Councilmen Moylan and Damm, who refused to sanction the orchestra, served notice the request would not have clear sailing in council. Councilman Stolte, Rolf and McGinty voted as Baker wished.

"The city has no more right to maintain the municipal orchestra, in view of its financial straits, than it has to operate a moving picture show in each ward," Damm declared. "Street cleaning, health measures, street repairing and repaving and garbage and ash collection come before frills."

In reply Baker contended the orchestra did much for Cleveland's health in that it brought to auditors a more cheerful view of life and put light into many a Cleveland's soul. It is as important as clean streets, Baker insisted.

"The city's keeping a municipal orchestra is like a man taking home a piano or graphophone when his wife and children are starving," said Councilman Smith.

"It will be only a short time until Cleveland has a municipal theater, housing a municipal stock company that will stage classical plays, instructive as well as pleasing," Baker told councilmen.

Most important of the committee's work Thursday was the announcement City Forester Boddy will be granted a large increase over last year. It seemed likely Thursday that \$50,000 will be set aside for 50 more patrolmen.

## PLEA OF MAYOR WINS FREEDOM OF CITY WATER THIEF

Mayor Baker in police court Thursday interceded for Andrew Barber, 2604 Clark avenue, charged with tampering with the city water meter at the Otis Steel Company, where he is employed. Barber was charged with turning back the meter so the city was not being paid for all the water used.

Barber testified he turned the meter back of his own accord and not for gain. He said he thought too much water was being used and did not want to run up expenses. Baker asked that the sentence of \$15 and costs be suspended. It was.

## DO PART OF EXAM FOR PLAY BOSS JOB AT HOME

Whether the plan of permitting applicants for the more technical city positions to prepare part of their examination papers at home is to be continued depends wholly on the outcome of the test for Recreation Commissioner Black's \$3,000 job, civil service commissioners said Thursday.

Two weeks ago applicants for the position were given a map of Cleveland, with stickers locating all schools, bathhouses, playgrounds and recreation facilities. With this data applicants wrote a paper explaining exactly what they would do with present equipment towards bettering conditions, and where they would place new social centers and the like. When the paper was handed in an affidavit attesting no outside help or books had been consulted accompanied it.

It is expected results of the test will be announced in a week. Applicants from New York and Chicago were permitted to enter.

## CITY STATIONS MEN TO PREVENT CHRISTMAS FIRES

The Christmas shopper was officially recognized Thursday by Safety Director Benesch and City Electrician Smith. Firemen were stationed in every downtown store of note—some of the bigger ones got two—while Smith issued a bulletin warning store managers and decorators to avoid inflammables in setting up holiday displays.

"Every Christmas shopper, in an emergency, should remember to walk to exits, not to run," Benesch declared. "If shoppers keep their wits there'll be no danger in case of fire, since uniformed firemen are on duty at all times in stores."

Thorough inspection of all wiring was urged by Smith. The practice of using tinsel, cotton batting, advertising novelties of flimsy construction or draping of merchandise over or about lamps and leaving wiring within the reach of the careless or inquisitive shoppers, should be discarded, he said.

## THREATEN CUT IN FUNDS FOR BABY WELFARE

Council appropriations committee, which is deciding on city expenditures for 1915, Thursday threatened to make heavy cuts in the welfare department.

Statements of councilmen indicated there may be a cut in the appropriation for the baby care or child hygiene division.

At the same time the committee already tentatively has agreed on \$900 for automobile repair in the board of public works, \$6000 for maintenance of election booths, a new muny court clerk, \$7500 more for fire alarm extensions, \$6000 for a weights and measures division, and more than half a million for cleaning streets.

The committee has before it requests for such expenditures as:

Salary increases in nearly every department, \$300 for filtered drinking water in muny court, and automobiles in practically all city departments.

The amount asked for child hygiene in 1915 is \$48,565.50. That sum contemplates operation on the 1914 basis.

"If we do not get that sum," Healthier Ford said Thursday, "we must go back in our work. Last year we reduced the number of deaths of babies of under one year from 2002 to approximately 1800."

Council appropriations committee in 1914 slashed the request for child hygiene by allowing only \$33,829, while \$44,028 was asked.

In midsummer, 1914, when councilmen saw approximately 5000 babies were attended every month at the 15 city dispensaries, the appropriation was increased \$11,731 by a transfer of funds.

The committee Thursday voted \$10,000 for the muny orchestra, Councilmen Damm and Moylan protesting. Mayor Baker defended the appropriation.



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## HOPKINS' SUBWAY TO HAUL FREIGHT ALSO

Promoter of Proposed Underground Passenger Line Says Road Will Be Built to Carry Merchandise in Future.

The probability of carrying freight as well as passengers on Cleveland's proposed underground railway was cited by W. R. Hopkins, in an address to 300 members of the Builders' Exchange yesterday as one of the reasons for the extensive plans laid out by the subway company. When the time comes that big downtown stores and factories need such facilities for the rapid transit of freight, the company will be prepared to run its cars into the subbasements, he said.

Hopkins said the subway will be for double tracks on one side of the streets under which it will pass. If it becomes necessary, the opposite side of the street will be tubed for a similar double track. The subway will be large enough and so constructed as to receive cars for any purpose. In this manner, the speaker declared, the operation of elevated, interurban, surface or subway cars will be possible.

It will cost \$600,000 a single track mile to construct the tube system, but it will be worth it to the people of Cleveland, Hopkins maintained.

"No city ever met the transportation problem until it was absolutely necessary," said he. "That time is here now. Elevated railways, experiences of New York and Chicago have revealed, entail too great a loss for operation. Damage suits brought by property owners is an incessant drain. The subway offers the most complete system that can be devised and we have anticipated our problems so that the lines may be developed as conditions permit."

Preceding the address of Hopkins the builders heard Commissioner of Street Railways Witt tell the traction problems now apparent. He reviewed the history of the street railroad, the "nine-year struggle" and the enactment of the Tayler grant. He cited some statistics of interest in connection with the company's expenses.

Twenty-five car wheels wear out daily, from two to 250 tons of sand are used on the tracks in bad weather, seventy-five tons of coal are used daily, fifty trolley wheels wear out and twenty cars of various material are consumed each day, Witt said. The mileage of one day, if made by a single car, would be three times around the world and reach as far as San Francisco on the fourth trip.

The war in Europe had its effect on the company's receipts, too, according to Witt. In March receipts were \$32,000 over the sum of the same month in 1913; in August they dropped to \$6,000 over the previous year; in September they were less than a year before, though in October they rose to \$10,000 more than the previous October and in November \$25,000 over the sum of a year ago.

## SIDLO PLANS NEW CIVIC DANCE HALL

Structure to Cost \$50,000 Will Be Built in Near Future if Funds Can Be Obtained.

Plans for a \$50,000 municipal dance hall to be open throughout the year in Gordon Park, and extensive dock and harbor improvements were outlined to the city council committee on appropriations by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Work will be begun in the spring, if funds are obtained, Sidlo said.

Increases granted the public service department by the committee at an all-day session swelled estimates by \$10,740, although the committee faces the task of lopping \$1,180,000 from the 1915 appropriation ordinance.

### City to Sell Lands.

Funds for the municipal dance hall, improvements at the city's E. 9th street pier and the construction of a motor boat harbor at one of the lake-side parks or at E. 9th street, are to be derived from land sales, Sidlo said.

The city owns a large tract of land along Union avenue near E. 116th street, which it hopes to dispose of for approximately \$175,000. Originally the city planned to lay out a model allotment there.

Other park improvements proposed by Sidlo included a dance hall in Washington Park and new shelter houses and refreshment stands in Wade Park. Councilman McGinty urged an appropriation for grandstands for amateur baseball games in the city parks.

Increases amounting to \$8,350 were given the city forestry division after a vigorous fight by Councilmen Rolf and Stolte. Councilman McGinty made an unsuccessful effort to obtain an appropriation for repairing river front docks and wharves, now in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, according to McGinty.

### Baker Saves Orchestra.

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Director of Finance Coughlin said that if the city were to maintain an orchestra, free concerts for school children should be given at least once a month.

The committee adjourned until Tuesday, when it will take up appropriations asked by the department of public welfare. Heavy cuts in this department are planned by councilmen.

## COMPANY ORGANIZED FOR BARBER'S SUBWAY

The plan of O. C. Barber, match manufacturer, for a freight subway under E. 55th street, connecting railroads in the Cuyahoga valley with huge docks on the lake front, was officially launched yesterday, when the Cleveland, Canton & Akron Terminal Railway Company was incorporated in Columbus.

The initial capitalization is \$10,000 and it will be used principally in preparing data and surveys on the feasibility of the project, which, if carried out, would cost approximately \$10,000,000. W. W. White, Thomas H. Garry, James McSweeney, W. M. Connelly and W. B. Snavely were named incorporators.

The first meeting of the company will be held early next week, White said yesterday.



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Harry L. Davis is a candidate for mayor.

Announcement that he will be in the race to succeed Mayor Newton D. Baker was made by Mr. Davis yesterday.

This gives Cleveland two avowed candidates who have made formal declaration of their aspirations, Peter Witt, Democrat, and Mr. Davis, Republican.

But another candidate, independent of these two parties, is to enter.

This third candidate will have the support of the Bull Moose organization here. The Progressives will have no candidate, but at a meeting of the Progressive club last night it was decided the Progressives will support neither Witt nor Davis.

## Will Run as Independent.

The Progressives announced that the third candidate, they mentioned no names, will enter the field independent of Republican, Democratic and Progressive organizations. The Bull Moose decided to co-operate with independent organizations to support this third man.

The entrance of Mr. Davis did not silence the rumblings of a possible boom for Attorney John A. Cline, another Republican. Mr. Cline has been asked twice to run. He has said it was too early to announce his position. It was reported yesterday he still is a possible candidate for mayor, although his position will not be made public until spring.

Mr. Davis has been assured the support of many prominent in a Republican organization in Cleveland. It was after a visit by a delegation of about fifty of these Republicans Wednesday evening that Mr. Davis decided to announce his candidacy. Maurice Maschke, a power in Republican circles in Cleveland, yesterday said he will support Mr. Davis.

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"I have carefully considered the request made by the representative men who asked me to become a candidate for mayor.

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neither Witt nor Davis.

**Will Run as Independent.**

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no names, will enter the field  
pendent of Republican, Demo-  
and Progressive organizations.  
Bull Moose decided to co-operate  
with independent organization  
support this third man.

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silence the rumblings of a po-  
boom for Attorney John A. Cline  
other Republican. Mr. Cline has  
asked twice to run. He has said  
too early to announce his position  
was reported yesterday he still  
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though his position will not be  
public until spring.

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## HARRY DAVIS SAYS HE WILL RUN AGAIN

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Should Jewell sue and win here, the city would be forced to pay a royalty on every gallon of water filtered at the plant, it was pointed out. The cost, it was said, would make operation of the plant almost prohibitive.

Councilmen were insistent Friday that no delays be incurred in constructing the Division avenue plant. When appealing to council finance committee several weeks ago to approve a blanket ordinance for the expenditure of \$200,000 on the filter, Maurice Sarbinsky, Stage's secretary, warned the committee non-completion of the plant before the mayoralty election next November would make capital campaign material against the present City Hall administration.

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## M'GINTY AND FORD CLASH ON BABY CARE FUND

Healthier Ford was preparing Friday figures to show councilmen who are threatening to cut the child hygiene appropriation for 1915 why he had a balance of \$1000 in the baby care fund in 1914.

Claiming he had more money in 1914 than he was able to spend, council appropriations committee is considering reducing Ford's estimate of \$48,565.50 for baby care and life saving work in 1915.

"Last week we transferred \$1000 from the child hygiene fund to the food and dairy inspection fund," said Councilman McGinty. "Ford should explain why more money was asked for than was needed."

"I am glad to explain," Ford said Friday. "The \$1000 was saved by cutting the number of visiting nurses when it was discovered more nurses were employed than the number set by the board of control. The \$1000 was used in fighting the foot and mouth disease."

### Did Great Work in 1914.

Here's what the child hygiene bureau did in 1914:

Maintained one central and 15 district dispensaries.

Furnished free advice, medicine and milk to babies whose parents were unable to pay; charged others cost prices.

Supervised 15 district physicians and 33 nurses engaged in caring for babies.

Traced from city hall birth registration of every baby to see what attention, if any, from dispensary was required.

Reduced number of deaths from 2002 in 1913 to approximately 1800 in 1914.

Visited an average of 5000

babies every month in 1914.

Followed the motto: Keep the well baby well and make the sick baby well.

Ford Friday was prepared to back up his request for \$48,565.50 by showing that Toledo, Cincinnati and other Ohio cities are going ahead with baby care work despite reduced funds.

The appropriations committee Friday decided to hold no more meetings until Tuesday. Finance Director Coughlin says "the real cutting has not started."

Charles Kamp, marketmaster, late Thursday was granted an increase in salary from \$1800 to 2400. Kamp said he would resign if the committee refused the increase.

## THREATENS SUIT ON FILTER FOR ROYALTY

Ira H. Jewell, Chicago inventor, Friday in a telegram to the board of control threatened to bring a suit for damages, and demand a royalty from the city for use, in the filtration plant under construction, of filtration devices on which he claims to have patents.

Jewell has brought similar suits in other cities.

Whether or not Jewell sues the city, the filtration equipment already installed, and that contemplated, will be used by the city, officials said Friday.

They said even if the action is brought, the filtration plant work will not be suspended.

## MOOSERS BACK INDEPENDENT IN RACE FOR MAYOR

Announcements by progressives Friday that they will support an independent candidate for mayor started a report in political circles that the party plans to join hands with the dries in the next municipal campaign.

The bull moose move followed announcement by Harry L. Davis, defeated republican candidate for mayor in 1913, of his entrance into the coming mayoralty race.

The coming campaign was discussed at the Progressive club, 915 Huron-rd, Thursday night.

John A. Chamberlain, 1505-1510 Williamson building, dry

leader in the recent prohibition campaign, denied the dries have any working agreement with the progressives.

Guy O. Farquharson, 410 the Arcade, bull moose leader, also insisted that the story is without basis.

Davis's announcement followed a statement from Maurice Maschke, republican organization leader, that he would support Davis.

"I believe the people are favorable to a complete change in local government. I am again willing to make the fight for a better and more economical administration," Davis said.

"The democratic organization, which has so long dominated public affairs in Cleveland, will again attempt to dictate the election of a mayor. From present indications it appears that the man selected is even more visionary and ill-balanced than the incumbent."

## MOSE WON'T LOSE HIS TITLE, 'FOREST CITY'

Cleveland will not lose its title of the "Forest City."

City Forester John Boddy Friday started plans to care for 75,000 trees in 1915. He estimated Friday the cost will be 50 cents each. Six thousand others must be removed at cost of \$3 each. About 2000 new trees will be planted.

Council appropriations committee, after first allowing Boddy only \$11,000, increased this sum to \$19,000, on the strength of a showing by Boddy that Cleveland is in danger of forfeiting its reputation as a city of beautiful trees.

## FINE FOR DANCERS

Council next year may be asked to issue \$50,000 bonds for a dance hall in Gordon park. \$25,000 for improvement of Forest Hill parkway, and \$65,000 for a motorboat harbor at the foot of W. Third-st.

Server Sidlo has these improvements on his 1915 program.



Sat.



Pete and Harry.

## SEES WATER RATES OF CITY GO HIGHER

Director Coughlin Says Improvements Must be Paid for by People.

The \$5,500,000 Bond Issue Raises Expense \$300,000 Yearly, It is Stated.

An addition of \$5,500,000 to the debt of the water works department by the construction of the West Side filtration plant, tunnel and other improvements, has forced the department into a position where an increase in water rates cannot be avoided, City Finance Director Thomas Coughlin announced yesterday after a meeting in the office of the mayor.

"If people want improvements they must pay for them," said Director Coughlin. "I don't see how an increase in rates can be avoided."

The issuance of the \$5,500,000 bonds will add more than \$300,000 to the annual expense of the department for years to come, it was stated yesterday. The opening of the filtration plant in early fall will create an additional expense.

"I have thought all along that we could not avoid a readjustment of rates," said Water Commissioner C. E. Schulz yesterday. "We will obtain data this winter on which a new rate schedule can be based. I am in favor of a sliding scale. At the present time we are charging 40 cents per 1,000 cubic feet."

"This rate is applicable to large and small consumers. About 25,000 consumers are paying the lower minimum charge of \$1.25. The recent increase in rates is adding

### SEE SOLD-OUT HOUSE.

A sold-out house is anticipated by city officials arranging for the municipal symphony orchestra concert scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at the Hippodrome.

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black said yesterday practically the entire ground floor already has been sold and that most of the seats on the mezzanine floor have been disposed of. The 10-cent seats in the third gallery are unsold. To accommodate patrons who wish to buy these seats the elevator will be in use at the Hippodrome tomorrow.

We must meet this expense in some manner."

At the meeting Director Coughlin proposed a meeting of the board of

control and council committee on finance be called for the discussion of bond issues for the coming year.

The council leeway for 1915 is \$1,200,000. A leeway of \$1,400,000 was anticipated.

The tax duplicate is \$872,000,000 instead of \$880,000,000 as estimated. Practically all of the \$1,200,000 will be used for paving, sewer and garbage department purposes. The fire department will be allowed a bond issue of \$250,000 to reimburse the water division for the expense in-

curring in the erection of the downtown high pressure fire station.

"The utilities department needs this money for water works purposes," said Director Coughlin. "The projects that it has been carrying out lately have resulted in such a big outlay that it must be given these funds."

The city's bond leeway by vote of the people is \$17,215,647. The council

at a recent meeting authorized a bond issue of \$2,000,000 for water works purposes.

## RAPS COUNCILMEN ON CUTS IN FUNDS

Member Says Colleagues Have Shown Inconsistent Attitude.

Slice in Welfare Estimate Planned for Tuesday's Meeting.

Councilman David Moylan of the council committee on finance charged yesterday other members of the joint council committee who were working on the appropriation ordinance for 1915 have not been consistent in their attitude in paring down estimates of department heads.

"It was announced in advance no salary raises would be allowed and that no departments would be given increases," said Moylan yesterday. "I have stuck to that policy. The rest have not."

The majority members of the council committee have voted to allow Charles Kamp, city market master, a \$600 yearly increase. A bookkeeper in the park department has been given a \$100 a year increase and a stenographer in the fire department also has been voted a slight increase.

Salary increases sought for Secretary W. H. Kirby of the public service department, Charles Kibbee, superintendent of lighting; Henry C. Erdman, assistant superintendent of street repairs, and other officials have been turned down. Councilman Moylan voted against an increased appropriation for street trees that was finally allowed.

The estimates of the welfare department, where big cuts are planned, will be considered by the committees Tuesday. Members of the committee will probably fight the continuance of the vocational guidance bureau. Welfare workers will ask that city funds be allowed for this activity.

Funds received from other sources have been used for the operation of the guidance bureau in the past.



## JUDGE DAY SAYS HE IS NO LONGER IN PUBLIC LIFE

Former Federal Jurist's Reply to  
Friends When Urged to  
Seek Office of  
Mayor.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Political talk, fanned by the successive announcements by Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis that they are candidates for mayor, centered yesterday on a movement which arose to boom William L. Day, former United States judge, for the mayoralty.

Judge Day's name was first brought out, it is said, at the Herrick reception Thursday. Yesterday morning the boom took tangible form, and Day was discussed as a possible candidate by many business men and politicians.

"I am out of public life," Judge Day declared when he was asked if he had heard of the movement on his behalf.

### Democrats Criticize Witt.

Many of those who had discussed Day as a candidate at the Herrick festivities yesterday spoke openly for him. Day, who resigned from the federal bench, is now practicing law with the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in The Leader-News building.

Democratic politicians heard a

## BENESCH TO URGE EXTENDING CITY'S INNER FIRE LIMIT

Will Ask Council to Fix Eastern  
Boundary Line at E. 105th  
Street; Few Changes  
on West Side.

Extension of the inner fire district of the city, in which fireproof building construction is required, will be provided in legislation which Director of Public Safety Benesch plans to submit to the city council early next year.

Inner fire limits are now bounded by E. 55th street on the east, Dille avenue on the south and extend in an irregular line along W. 25th street, W. 38th street and W. 45th street on the west.

The proposed legislation would also necessitate changes in the boundaries of the outer fire district, defined by the city council several years ago.

"I believe that the inner fire district should be pushed as far east as E. 105th street, along Euclid avenue and other important streets," said Benesch yesterday. No changes may be necessary on the West Side, he said.

"Changes in the fire districts should be made before building operations begin in the spring," said Benesch.

## EXTENSION OF BUCKEYE ROAD LINE TO BE URGED

Plans to secure an extension of the Buckeye road car line from E. 116th street to E. 130th street, were formulated last night at a meeting of nearly 400 residents of that section east of 116th street at Muhic's Hall, Buckeye road and E. 120th street. Councilman Tack, Harry French and Frank Apathy were speakers.

A petition signed by more than 1,000 persons, urging the extension, was circulated. This will be presented to the council committee on street railways next week by a committee.

story, denied by Peter Witt, that Witt's friends were trying to get Clerk Haserodt to agree not to run by promising to make him street railway commissioner if Witt won.

Haserodt would not discuss the matter. Some thought the story probable, but others thought A. B. du Pont would be Witt's choice.

Haserodt will not state his position for some time. In private conversation with his friends, however, he gives the impression that he has decided to run if he can get the Democratic committee to support him. In the court house there is criticism of Witt's failure to consult the committee before announcing his candidacy.

"If we let Witt run unopposed by a Democrat, after he failed to consult us, then it will be a confession that he is bigger than the committee," declared one court house official yesterday.

### Akron Incident Recalled.

Politicians yesterday procured a recent copy of the Akron Times. The newspaper recalled that Witt had accepted an invitation to address a banquet of Akron single-taxers a year ago. The paper continued:

"The evening of the banquet came, and the occasion was witless, because no Witt was there to grace it. Some of the higher-ups in the Cleveland city hall had flagged the Witt special at Bedford because they feared that what he might have to say would not be complimentary to the state administration.

"It was the first time the local Populists and Single Taxers had ever seen anybody get a muzzle on Peter Witt, and for them it was going to be the last. For, be it known that when a champion of the common people takes a header from his economic soap box he 'falls like Lucifer, never to rise again.'"

The committee of the Wampanoag Indians appointed to ask Miner G. Norton to run for mayor has not yet fixed a time for the interview.

## CITY CAN'T SELL CHEAP CURRENT TO NEW SUBWAY

Cleveland's \$2,700,000 municipal light plant is inadequate to take on the heavy load contemplated by the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railroad Company. Following statements of subway officials Saturday that it was thought current would be purchased, Lighting Commissioner Ballard admitted the city, in open competition, could not meet a rate likely to be offered by the Illuminating Company.

The figure at which it is expected the subway company will get power is considerably under 1 cent a kilowatt hour. According to Ballard the lowest rate the city can offer is 1 cent, under the latest rate schedule, a successor to the one drawn up by A. B. du Pont, late \$1,000-a-month expert, which was discarded because the more current consumed the less the actual total charge was. The city, however, may put in a bid when the time comes to find out where it stands, Ballard declared.

"The Illuminating Company now sells to the Cleveland Railway Company for as little as .69 cent a kilowatt hour," Ballard said Saturday. The company uses between 3,600,000 and 4,200,000 kilowatt hours a month, with a 15,000 kilowatt connection. The entire capacity of the new East 53d street plant is 15,000 kilowatts, at normal rating. Consequently to meet the Illuminating Company's rate, with the backing of a powerhouse six times as big, is impossible."

Officials of the subway company say they will purchase current at the cheapest rate offered. Considerable will be used in the construction of the first tube, out Euclid avenue to University circle. Consumption of current in operating the system also is expected to run to a high figure.

## WHY SO MUCH CARE FOR DOGS? FORD ASKS

When council health and sanitation committee meets Monday to consider Councilman Durkin's dog ordinance, Health Commissioner Ford will demand that the opposition explain why so much interest is taken in pleading the cause of Cleveland's dog colony at the expense of other quadrupeds.

"Objectors to the dog ordinance say a dog pound results in most inhumane treatment," Ford said Saturday. "Did you ever hear any objections to putting bits in horses' mouths? Horses suffer immeasurably in wintertime when an ice-cold bit is clamped into their mouths. Animal lovers have a whole lot to do before they can rightly object to a dog measure."

Two more sufferers from dog bites—the dogs, thought to have rabies, now are being watched—were reported at city health office Saturday.

## FUTURE OF BOXING STILL IS UP IN AIR

Cleveland boxing enthusiasts Saturday still were waiting for Mayor Baker to make a definite answer regard to tentative rules submitted three weeks ago by the recently appointed boxing commission. Baker said he has formed no opinion, didn't know when he would.

Promoters are said to be vexed by Baker's attitude, because arrangements have been made to stage bouts. Whether the rules will be put into the form of a council resolution or merely left as a part of the mayor's policy power will not be determined until Baker makes a statement, Councilman McGinty, a member of the commission, declared Saturday.

## LIGHT AND FILTER PLANTS TO BE 20-YEAR BURDEN

Clevelanders will pay heavily in interest charges the next 20 to 30 years for the construction of the \$2,700,000 municipal light plant and the \$2,500,000 Division avenue filtration plant, a statement by Finance Director Coughlin showed Saturday.

Taking into account the new West Side tunnel and pumping station, the waterworks debt has increased \$5,500,000 within a year. The added annual interest charge, \$300,000, must be borne by water consumers. As a result the long-forecasted raise in water rents, now 40 cents a thousand cubic feet, will come next fall.

No plans of Lighting Commissioner Ballard to have the lighting plant take care of interest on the \$2,000,000 bond issue are apparent in Ballard's 1915 appropriation. The interest charge for next year, \$109,000, must be met by every taxpayer in Cleveland, whether he is getting the 3-cent light service or not. Increases in every fund are asked by Ballard.

## BAKER AGAIN PASSES BUCK ON STATION TO ROADS

The next move in the new union station project is entirely up to the railroads, Mayor Baker said Saturday. Baker has received a letter from A. H. Smith, head of the New York Central lines, saying negotiations will be resumed as soon as Pennsylvania and New York Central agree on the method of entering proposed station.



Sunday

## CITY HALL LIBRARIAN WILL MAKE BOOKS WORK

"First get the goods. Then let people know you have them."

This is the principle Miss Ada M. McCormick, newly named municipal reference librarian in the city hall, has set out to establish in building up a municipal reference library with a patronage that will assist in the making of real municipal history.

"We haven't a big collection yet," said Miss McCormick yesterday, "but we are covering a field and there are many inquiries from people seeking information on municipal subjects. After we build up our collection I am going to heads of city departments and I will let them know what we have."

The municipal reference library is located at 210 city hall and is a branch of the Cleveland Public library. The librarian is a graduate of Hiram college and of the library school in New York city. She was



MISS ADA M. MCCORMICK

recently employed as business and municipal librarian in the Public library at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

"The purpose of the department is to collect and make available for the city officials and citizens of Cleveland, information on municipal government and administration," said Miss McCormick. "The department will obtain and keep a record of experiences of other cities on questions of interest to Cleveland and will co-operate with similar municipal reference libraries and civic and

commercial bodies throughout this country and foreign countries."

Here are a few of the questions Miss McCormick is required to answer: How many manufacturing establishments in Cleveland? How are clean-up campaigns conducted in other cities? What cities in the United States have school gardens? What is the population of Cleveland, west of the river? Has the city charter been amended? What has been the result of municipal ownership of street railways and lighting systems in various cities?

## FAVOR CITY THEATER IDEA

### Department Heads Believe in Municipal Shows.

School and city co-operation in the establishment of a municipal theatrical stock company and in the maintenance of the municipal symphony orchestra was urged yesterday by T. M. Black, commissioner of recreation. The municipal theatrical stock company idea was boosted by Mayor Baker when he appeared before council committees to urge appropriations for supporting the municipal orchestra. As member of the city council several years ago A. A. Benesch, now director of public safety, proposed the same municipal project.

"I believe a theatrical stock company could well be made part of public school work," said Commissioner Black. "The drama is studied in the high school. Boys and girls should be given an opportunity to see plays."

"I believe that a municipal stock company would be better from an educational standpoint than the symphony orchestra," said Director Benesch yesterday. "The appeal of the drama is broader than that of music by the symphony orchestra and the educational value is greater."

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin believes the board of education should be asked to contribute toward the upkeep of the municipal orchestra. A big attendance is looked for at today's concert at the Hippodrome. Practically all seats on the ground and mezzanine floors have been sold.

## PROPOSES TO ASK ROCKEFELLER'S AID

### Cleveland Councilman Suggests Hope of Meeting City's Debt.

### Advances Idea of Sending Request for Gift of \$765,000.

An appeal to John D. Rockefeller was proposed yesterday by Chairman William Rolf of the council committee on appropriations and finance as a means of raising funds to wipe out the city debt of \$765,000 incurred this year.

As chairman of the joint committee Councilman Rolf will ask Mr. Rockefeller to donate \$765,000 if this step is favored by other members of the joint committee of the city council.

This committee has been striving to cut the 1915 budget estimates of department heads to the extent necessary for the elimination of the \$765,000 debt.

"If we could wipe out this debt and start the coming year with a clean slate there would be no difficulty," said Mr. Rolf. "Mr. Rockefeller may donate this money. If I had his wealth I would do it. After all, this is his old home town and he obtained his start here."

"I suppose the \$765,000 would be less than a two weeks' income for him. Cleveland is not responsible for the recent action of tax authorities. I have been thinking for a long time of writing him, but I will not take any action unless the other members of the council committee approve of this course."

In opening the series of budget meetings which started last Tuesday morning, Finance Director Thomas Coughlin announced that in order to wipe out the debt incurred by the issuance of short time notes some weeks ago the council committee would have to cut departmental estimates to the extent of \$1,180,000. To date but \$118,000 has been cut and in order to make departmental expenditures for 1915 meet the city's tax income for the year it has been proposed that estimates for the department of public welfare, that will be up for consideration next Tuesday, be cut to the very bone.

## LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR SUBWAY VOTE

### Citizens to Ask Referendum if Council Accepts Ordinance as Amended.

### Gahn Wants People to Pass on Building of City's Terminals.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn has been asked by representatives of a civic organization to back a campaign for a referendum election on the subway grant if the ordinance pending in council is passed at tomorrow night's meeting. It is expected the only two members who will vote against it are Councilman Gahn and President W. F. Thompson.

"If there is a referendum election on the subway ordinance in the spring I will ask the council to give people an opportunity to vote on the question of constructing a municipal subway terminal at the same time," said Gahn. "In this way the people can indicate whether they want to construct their own tubes or whether the system should be constructed by private interests."

"I did not tell the citizens who called upon me that I would take part in a referendum campaign. It is their right to circulate such a petition under the new city charter. They would be allowed forty days for the work of obtaining the necessary signatures and the council could arrange for the submission of the question at a special election in the spring. I intend to vote against the ordinance Monday night, but I do not care to say anything at this time as to my attitude on the question of a referendum election."

An ordinance establishing a municipal harbor line following the present shore line from E. 9th-st to Gordon park will be introduced in council by Mr. Gahn Monday night. He believes that riparian owners should be prevented from filling out land at this time. The state may take action on the general question of riparian rights at the next session of the legislature.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on water front development, yesterday took steps to obtain information as to the completion of the Welland canal. The completion of this waterway will enable ocean vessels to come to Cleveland.

## FAVORS FIGHT ON FLIES

### Councilman McGinty Will Urge Allowance of \$2,000.

Backing in the fight for an allowance of \$2,000 for the continuation of the anti-fly work in 1915 will come from Councilman J. J. McGinty at the meeting of council committee on appropriations and finance Tuesday morning at the city hall.

Councilman McGinty told Dr. Jean Dawson yesterday he favored the appropriation of this sum and he would make every effort to have the allowance granted.

"Dr. Dawson has done good work and I would like to see the work taken up as it was in 1913," said Mr. McGinty yesterday. "I believe that the council should make every effort to provide the necessary funds."



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**DOCTORS O. K. ORDINANCE  
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An indorsement by the Cleveland Academy of Medicine will be read tomorrow when the city council committee on health and sanitation meets to consider the Durkin ordinance for the licensing of dogs.

Dr. J. E. Tuckerman, secretary of the organization, yesterday notified Councilman Smith, chairman of the committee, of the action of the academy. "The measure is clearly in the interest of public health," Dr. Tuckerman wrote.

The veterinary section of the Academy of Medicine has proposed even more stringent regulations than those

provided in the Durkin ordinance, claiming that lives of citizens are endangered by stray dogs.

**RAIDS ON WATER FUND  
CAUSE NEW RATE PLEA**

Diversion of waterworks funds to other city departments was blamed by Councilman FitzGerald yesterday for what administration officials claim is a necessary increase in water rates. The matter of increased rates is to be taken up by the board of control after January 1.

"Waterworks funds have been raised every time any city department was in need of money," said FitzGerald. "Two hundred thousand dollars of earnings went to build a steam heating plant at the Fairmount station and another three hundred thousand was spent for a high pressure station for the fire department.

"The waterworks also equipped the lighting plant now being dismantled at the Division avenue pumping station and has helped out the municipal lighting plant on several occasions."

FitzGerald said he did not believe that a raise in rates was necessary, and that Commissioner Schulz's estimate of receipts and expenditures for next year does not bear out city officials' contention that rates should be increased on account of big bond issues authorized during the year.

Forty cents per 1,000 cubic feet is

now charged water consumers, with a minimum charge of \$1.25. The same rate applies to large and small consumers. Opening of the filtration plant next fall is expected to add to the cost of operation.

**CITY FILTRATION PLANS  
HELD NOT INFRINGEMENT**

Patent attorneys have ruled that plans for the Division filtration plant do not infringe upon patents of Ira A. Jewell, of Chicago, R. W. Pratt, consulting engineer in charge of the building of the plant, said yesterday.

Jewell has notified the city board of control that he will demand damages if the city awards contracts for certain filter equipment, claiming patent infringements. Pratt says that the building of the plant will not be held up by any action that may be taken by Jewell.

**BIG HOUSE HEARS  
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Piece Dedicated to Mayor Baker Wins Great Applause for Timmner and His Civic Orchestra.

BY ARCHIE BELL.

The concert by the Municipal orchestra at the Hippodrome yesterday afternoon divided its honors about evenly between Mayor Newton D. Baker, Christiaan Timmner and Dr. Richard Haasz. The occasion for much applause, the presentation of laurel wreaths with the Hungarian colors flying, and much hand-shaking was the first performance of Dr. Haasz's "Hungarian Rhapsodie," which is dedicated to Mayor Baker and which was played under the baton of Mr. Timmner.

The audience was deeply impressed by the composition and was profuse in showering its compliments upon the trio named.

And the audience, like that of recent weeks, was just a little larger than previously. At first the loges and boxes and the gallery seats did not fill up, but even these are going now and the audience yesterday made the big auditorium look like one of those gala occasions when every seat is taken, which is reckoned a sight by visitors from other cities, although Cleveland is becoming used to it and forgets that this is one of the largest theaters in the world.

The rhapsodie of Dr. Haasz is composed of two movements, one built upon a Hungarian folk-song and brilliantly orchestrated in its development, and the other consisting of a whirlwind gallop or dance so familiar in the national dance music of that country. The work is full of technical difficulties and its per-

formance by the orchestra, in view of the fact that it was played from manuscript, was very creditable to the director and to every individual in the orchestra, for at one time or another during the composition the author makes demands upon every instrument in a big band. His manipulation of the harp is effective, beautiful passages are spoken by the woodwinds and answered by the strings, while the trumpets have outbursts in which they blare triumphantly and with splendid results in the colorful picture.

The performance was in every way quite a triumph and called attention to the fact that Cleveland has a composer in Dr. Haasz who will, one of these days, find his name on bigger programs than that of yesterday. It will be just worth while for that big popular audience of yesterday to think that during the future any reference to the number heard at the Hippodrome will be programmed thus: "First performed in Cleveland, Ohio, December 13, 1914."

The greater part of the program was given up to light numbers, ranging from Massenet's "Phedre" overture, Lulligini's "Ballet Russe," Suppe's "Light Cavalry," Dvorak's Slavonic dances and a prelude to "Manfred," to a Beethoven "Minuet," which was arranged for strings by Charles V. Rychlik, a member of the orchestra.

The next popular concert by the municipal organization will be given December 27.

**CLASHES EXPECTED  
ON DOG LICENSES**

Clashes between factions for and against the licensing of dogs are looked for this morning when the Durkin dog licensing ordinance comes up for consideration by the council health and sanitation committee.

Advocates of licensing and those opposed to it have promised to be on hand when the committee meets.

Members of the Women's Civic Association will lead the fight for the adoption of the ordinance. Mrs. Anna Herbruck, president of the organization, will head the delegation which will attend the hearing.

The large number of persons bitten by dogs during the past week influenced Mrs. Herbruck to take an active part in the campaign for the passage of the Durkin ordinance. "I believe the licensing of dogs will go a long way toward decreasing the number of homeless strays and they are usually vicious," said she. "Nine times out of ten it is one of these canine pariahs that attacks persons, and the ordinance would clear our streets of the menace by causing their destruction."

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Ordinance Slated for Passage  
With Further Change and  
Little Dissent.

Police patrolmen will be stationed along the lakefront to prevent riparian owners from filling out from the shore, if the city council tonight approves Councilman Gahn's plans for the establishment of a municipal harbor line.

Gahn proposes to designate the present shore line as a city harbor line and to exercise the city's police power to prevent fills being made beyond the established line. The plan bears the approval of Director of Law Stockwell and R. M. Morgan, Cleveland representative of the Attorney General's office.

Appellate court recently held that in the absence of legislation, riparian owners have authority to fill out into the lake and gain title to the land made by filling. The next session of the General Assembly is expected to take steps to block this, as title to submerged land is claimed by the state.

Extensive fills have been made by railroad companies and other riparian owners in the past and others are contemplated. Gahn believes that the city can use police to safeguard the city's lakefront interests until after action by the state.

Amendments to the subway grant of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company are up for passage at tonight's meeting of the council. The company is given twelve months in which to start work and thirty months in which to build the first line of subway. Several other changes may be proposed at the meeting, but the ordinance is slated for passage with but few dissenting votes.



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Monday

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## SUNDAY MUNY CONCERT

By Wilson G. Smith

Sunday afternoon's muny concert at the Hippodrome was attended by two hundred or more persons than usual, which shows the public is recognizing the worth of the local concert enterprise. Also the audience gave to the Haasz Rhapsodie, a local art product, a cordial welcome, which would indicate that muny audiences have not reached that high-brow status that repudiates everything that bears a local trademark.

It is for this very reason that the cultural hope of the city lies in muny audiences.

To one who has watched the gradual development of muny audiences it has been most interesting to note the upbuilding of discriminating appreciation. In the early pops only popular rhythms—like Sousa marches—aroused enthusiasm. Sunday Beethoven's classic menuet was encored.

The special event of Sunday's concert was the playing for the first time of Richard Haasz's Hungarian Rhapsodie, a composition of distinct merit.

Based upon the national airs of Hungary, it aroused the patriotic sentiments of the many Hungarians present, and the general audience caught the infection, and a rousing reception was accorded the composer, director Timmer and the orchestra.

The work is developed upon characteristic themes and cleverly orchestrated, although at times the scoring is rather heavy and cumbersome.

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Massenet's Phedre overture played for a second time this season; Luigini's Russian Ballet and Dvorak's Slavonic Dances, with Suppe's Light Cavalry overture as a closing climax, furnished the remainder of one of the best pre-

sented programs the muny players have yet given us.

## CITY WILL SEEK TO AID JOBLESS

Plans for finding labor for Cleveland unemployed will be discussed Monday in a conference of council labor committee, Employment Commissioner W. F. Hennessy and Mayor Baker.

The socialist party Sunday passed resolutions urging council to make an earnest effort to find funds to start work for the unemployed, and in a communication suggests cutting other items in the budget "to meet the needs of present victims of nonemployment."

At the conference of officials these plans will be discussed:

Installation of additional relief stations.

Rushing of all city work completed.

Taking of police census as a basis of plan for asking employers to adopt system of give-one-more-man-a-job.

Increase of street cleaning and snow removal appropriations.

Council took a hand in the labor problem last Monday night by asking a report on conditions from Hennessy and the committee. Socialist leaders will be asked to attend the session Monday and to present any suggestions they have.

## MR. BLACK REALLY IS VERY BUSY MAN

T. M. Black, \$3000-a-year recreation commissioner, Monday put in a busy morning winding up the business of Sunday's muny orchestra concert, and preparing for the one next Sunday.

Managing the muny orchestra is all Black has to do.

Here's Black's program Monday:

9 a. m.: Counts the receipts.

9:45 a. m.: Compares attendance records for reference with previous Sunday.

10:15 a. m.: Visits orchestra rehearsal room to see if all players have arrived.

11 a. m.: Gives directions to program advertising solicitors.

Noon: Consults with Christian Timmer, orchestra director.

The rest of the week: Keeps harmony in the orchestra, etc., etc.

"They chose a good name—recreation—for that division," Councilman Woods said Monday.

Black was employed with the understanding he would supervise dancing, bathing at city

beaches, playgrounds, sports, theater censorship and social centers.

The charter specifically places these duties in the welfare department.

Black has none of these matters to attend to because council and the board of control have not disturbed recreation duties as they were distributed before adoption of the charter. The school board is holding up social centers by not making an appropriation.

George S. Myers now supervises dance halls at \$1500 a year, M. J. McGinty directs sports at \$1800 a year, while Woods says Black, boss over all in theory, "has to hustle to keep busy with the muny orchestra."

Woods said Monday he will offer legislation to place all recreational activities under charge of the recreation commissioner.

"I'm tired, fiddling along with details," Black said Monday. "I'm ready to start the big work of the department—like social centers. But there isn't money to start on."

## MISS DAWSON TO ASK \$2000 FOR FIGHT ON FLIES

Dr. Jean Dawson Tuesday will ask council appropriation committee for \$2000 to finance another war on flies.

"I want to put Cleveland on the map again as 'The Flyless City,'" Miss Dawson said Monday.

Work of Miss Dawson during 1912 and 1913 in fly extermination here attracted world-wide attention. Government officials in China, Japan, Belgium, Austria-Hungary and Canada have written her for information on fly extermination methods used here.

Authorities in practically every state and city of any size in the United States also have asked her advice.

Girl inspectors and census takers inspected downtown stores and pointed out unsanitary conditions during Miss Dawson's campaign. School children were enlisted in neighborhood fly fights.

### Provide No Funds.

Last year council failed to appropriate funds for a fly war. Miss Dawson turned over ant-fly work to Heather Ford.

"The work wasn't done," says Miss Dawson. "Much of our work was undone through neglect."

It's planned to conduct the fly campaign the coming year through co-operation with the public service department.

Stable owners will be instructed to deposit stable refuse in wooden, zinc-lined boxes at least once a week.

The \$2000 appropriation asked will go for salaries for girl inspectors. Miss Dawson doesn't want a cent of salary for herself, she says.



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# City Will Start Probe of Flat Tragedy Today

Public Service Director Sidlo Declares Thorough Investigation Will Be Made to Learn Causes of West Side Disaster—Gas Company Workers Fail to Find Reasons for Explosion.

Official investigation of the causes of the explosion will be started this morning. No representatives of the department of public safety, with the exception of firemen, were present at the scene last night.

Mayor Baker remained at his office until late last night to receive police reports of the affair. Baker said that a searching investigation would be made.

Councilmen Reynolds and Ditttrick said that the council would join in the investigation.

## Sidlo Visits Scene.

"Deputy Commissioner Cunningham will be detailed to the work the first thing in the morning," said Commissioner of Buildings Allen late last night. "Nothing could have been accomplished in the way of fixing responsibility tonight."

Director of Public Safety Benesch said that he would await a report from the commissioner before taking any action. Allen did not know whether any of the buildings in the neighborhood were equipped with automatic gas cut-off valves.

Director of Public Service Sidlo, accompanied by his secretary, W. H. Kirby, hurried to the scene and announced his intention of summoning officials of the East Ohio Gas Company in an effort to ascertain the cause of the disaster.

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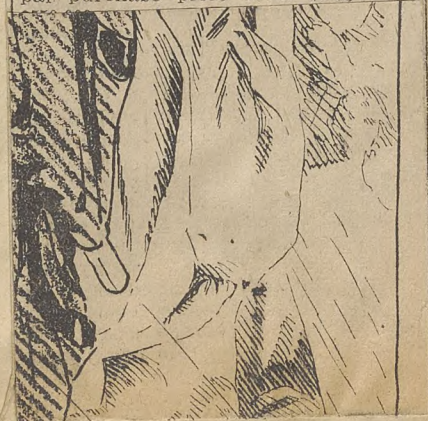
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Official investigation of the causes of the explosion will be started this morning. No representatives of the department of public safety, with the exception of firemen, were present at the scene last night.

Mayor Baker remained at his office until late last night to receive police reports of the affair. Baker said that a searching investigation would be made.

Councilmen Reynolds and Dittrick said that the council would join in the investigation.

## Sidlo Visits Scene.

"Deputy Commissioner Cunningham will be detailed to the work the first thing in the morning," said Commissioner of Buildings Allen late last night. "Nothing could have been accomplished in the way of fixing responsibility tonight."

Director of Public Safety Benesch said that he would await a report from the commissioner before taking any action. Allen did not know whether any of the buildings in the neighborhood were equipped with automatic gas cut-off valves.

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By a vote of twenty-two to four the council went on record against the Meyers ordinance requiring street cars to stop on the near side of street intersections. Councilman Dittrick submitted legislation requiring cars leaving the Public Square to be "pay leaves," and those coming to the square "pay enters."

## Proposed Car Provision.

Suburban cars will be required to take on and let off passengers at all regular car stops, if legislation introduced by Councilman Townes is approved by the council.

Municipal dock lines were fixed as the present shore line in legislation aimed to prevent riparian owners from filling into the lake. The legislation was offered by Councilman Gahn, who contends the city can use its police powers to prevent the making of fills.

Director of Public Service Sidlo reported that waiting rooms and comfort stations could be built under the Pennsylvania crossing at E. 55th street for \$5,500, if the company's permission were obtained.

President Thompson asked for an estimate of the cost of building a bridge across Mill Creek valley to connect Warner road and E. 71st street.



Tuesday

## BEGIN CITY SURVEY OF WORK PROBLEM

Cleveland Officials to Start  
Task of Relieving Unem-  
ployed Today.

Canvass Will be Made to  
Ascertain Causes of  
Lack of Jobs.

City officials, co-operating with representatives of the state industrial commission to solve the problem of the unemployed, today will begin what they believe will be the most comprehensive survey of Cleveland ever attempted.

From headquarters to be established this morning in the health exhibit room, 303 Superior-av N. E., city hall, City Employment Commissioner W. F. Hennessy and C. H. Mayhugh, special agent of the department of investigation and statistics of the industrial commission of Ohio, will direct an army of volunteer workers who will make the survey.

Before the end of the week Fred C. Croxton, Columbus, chief statistician and mediator of the commission, will come to Cleveland to aid in the work, which, it is estimated by Commissioner Hennessy, will require the services of between 400 and 600 men.

Aside from being the biggest undertaking of its kind ever attempted in Cleveland, the urgency of the situation demands speed be one of the principal factors. It is Commissioner Hennessy's plan to complete the survey in time to present the results to the city council committee on labor at its meeting next Monday.

The committee, meeting yesterday morning with Commissioner Hennessy, Special Agent Mayhugh and Director of Public Welfare Harris R. Cooley, declared before any remedial means could be adopted, complete data on the number of unemployed, causes and individual needs must be available. Commissioner Hennessy's survey plan was proposed and accepted.

From ten points the survey canvassers will attack the question of unemployment. They are:

Shop conditions; number of men applying for work at shops and factories at a given time on a given day, railroads, retail stores, employment offices, labor unions, lodging houses, classified advertisements in newspapers, house to house canvass of sections included in the recent police census, and miscellaneous sources such as Chamber of Commerce, juvenile court, etc.

Commissioner Hennessy has twenty-five men ready to start work on the survey this morning. The urgent need is for 500 more volunteers who will agree to "take assignments" at once. City officials declared yesterday inasmuch as the unemployment question is one of city wide importance, there should be no difficulty in obtaining the services of several hundred men for the good of the cause.

At the council meeting yesterday morning Special Agent Mayhugh stated Cincinnati recently has approved the emergency bond issue of \$50,000 for improvements in order to make work for its unemployed. This was suggested as a remedy for Cleveland, but it was felt the city has not the authority.

## COUNCIL APPROVES SUBWAY FRANCHISE

Gives Underground Railway  
Company Year Longer to  
Commence Work.

South Side Residents Lose  
Fight to Reroute W.  
14th-st Cars.

The city council last night passed an ordinance granting the Cleveland Underground Railway Co. twelve months more time for starting work on its system of tubes from the Public square to University circle. Work may be started in the spring.

The only two votes against the ordinance were cast by Mr. Gahn and by President W. F. Thompson. Councilman Gahn contends the people should vote on a bond issue for the construction of municipally owned tubes to relieve down town congestion. It is estimated the terminals would cost about \$5,000,000.

There was little debate on the subway grant. Councilman Gahn sought to have an amendment adopted giving council the right to require joint use of the tubes.

"It is true the people approved the grant five years ago, but changes have been made," he said. "Our thoughts have been aimed at rushing the ordinance through, rather than getting best results."

"I believe the present company should be given another opportunity," said Councilman Alex Bernstein. "The council should encourage the construction of the system."

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald asserted the tubes would assist the commercial and industrial growth of the city.

A protest meeting was held in the council chamber yesterday, attended by hundreds of South Side residents, who urged the restoration of the old W. 14th-st routing of cars.

"I might have allowed the old routing to remain, but it is not the right routing. I know you don't like it, but it can't be helped. The greatest good to the greatest number must be the principle followed in government," said Witt.

The South Side residents asserted the Superior viaduct is overcrowded.

The council defeated the near-stop ordinance. The vote was twenty-two nays and four yeas. The ordinance was strongly opposed by Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt. The plan was indorsed by the National Safety First association and by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch.

The council adopted the Woods resolution authorizing an investigation of baseball activities of employes in the street cleaning division.

Councilman Clayton C. Townes offered a resolution requiring all suburban cars to stop at regular city stops. This resolution and a resolution by Councilman A. R. Dittick requiring all cars leaving the square to be operated as pay leaves and all cars approaching the square as pay enters were referred to the street railway committee.

## DAVIS MAY CHOOSE FORMER MANAGER

Mayoralty Candidate Likely  
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Witt, It is Thought, Will Chal-  
lenge Opponents to  
Debate.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

It is considered likely among Republicans that Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, will ask Councilman W. S. FitzGerald to manage his campaign.

Mr. FitzGerald was leader of the Davis campaign of 1913, and the way he handled the situation met with general approval among Davis supporters.

Peter Witt, Democrat, whose candidacy was announced last week, hasn't given a thought yet to selecting a campaign manager, nor to planning any details of his campaign, he said yesterday. Men in politics who know Mr. Witt's style of campaigning are predicting that an early development, when the time for opening the contest arrives, will be a challenge from Mr. Witt to debate his opponent or opponents.

Talk of other candidates on both the Democratic and Republican sides continues. John Sulzman, cigar manufacturer, 6802 Superior-av N. E., a Democrat with a certain party following of his own, was being discussed yesterday, his name having been advanced frequently by his friends.

Announcement of another indorsement of Miner G. Norton, Republican, was made yesterday. The Brooklyn Republican club has approved Mr. Norton as a candidate for mayor, and a committee composed of R. G. Burkhardt, George Myers, Henry Gollwitzer and R. L. Laetsch has been appointed to call on him. This is the third club to select a delegation to wait on Mr. Norton. None has visited him yet.

New consideration is being given by some Republicans to the name of T. David Brown, president of the Eagle Storage & Moving Co., former county commissioner. Business friends have been pressing Mr. Brown to run, and it is known he is keeping the question in mind.

John D. Fackler intends to withdraw from further active participation in politics.

Mr. Fackler yesterday sent to Governor-elect Frank B. Willis notice of his resignation as deputy state tax commissioner of Cuyahoga county. He announced an intention of devoting his entire time hereafter to the practice of law.

A member of the Ohio constitutional convention in 1912 and later conspicuously identified with the Progressive party, Mr. Fackler has been a figure for years in Cuyahoga county politics. He is a member of the law firm, Morgan, Hitchcock, Fackler & Cross.

In his letter to Governor-elect Willis, Mr. Fackler requested his successor be appointed as soon after the incoming executive's inauguration as possible, explaining the commission now is in the midst of revaluing land in Cuyahoga county.

The retiring official wrote he hoped Mr. Willis would not consent to repealing the Warnes tax law, urging that "in a large city like Cleveland, the election of tax officials would be a grievous mistake."

He suggested Mr. Willis recommend

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## MAYOR PROMISES EXPLOSION INQUIRY

Declares Full and Searching  
Investigation Will be  
Made by City.

Council Members Say They  
Will Conduct Quiz if  
Necessary.

Mayor Baker remained at his office until a late hour last night to receive a report of the explosion from the police. Following the report he announced that a full and searching investigation would be made by the city. The council will co-operate in the investigation. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch and Police Service Director T. L. Sidlo were at the scene of the explosion last night. "The investigation will be carried on by the fire department and by other officials in the department of public safety," said the mayor. "The police tell me it appears to them to have been a gas explosion but at this time we cannot definitely say what the cause was. The report made to me shows that there were at least fifteen persons in the building, and that nearly all of these were killed or injured."

Building Commissioner V. D. Allen and Mayor Baker will visit the scene early this morning.

"If any legislation is needed to reach such conditions as may have led to the explosion I will draft the ordinance and submit it to council," said Mr. Allen last evening. "We may find that a thing of this kind may be prevented."

Members of city council learned of the tragedy last evening while the meeting was in progress.

"We will conduct an investigation there is anything that needs attention," said Councilman J. W. Benolds. "I am sure all members will be willing to take up this matter immediately."



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# IT'S ABOUT TIME WE ARE HEARING FROM HIS HONOR

Boxing Fans Have Waited Patiently for Mayor Baker to Put His Stamp of Approval on Professional Game, But He Is as Mum as Proverbial Clam

BY ED BANG

WHAT'S Mayor Baker going to do about it? What? Why, the boxing game, of course. Search me, I don't know. Neither does anyone else, for that matter, excepting, of course, his honor, and he's keeping his plans religiously to himself. We may have boxing, amateur and professional, in the very near future by grace of his honor, Mayor Newton D. Baker, and then again we may not. A large number of those interested in the welfare of the ring sport are inclined to the latter opinion.

It's been about six weeks now since Mayor Baker took the public in general and boxing fans in particular completely by surprise by naming a boxing commission of five members to draw a sort of "suggestion document" of rules and regulations to govern boxing. The commission held several meetings, drafted the desired information and submitted it to Mayor Baker for his approval.

Just when it seemed likely that the Sixth City's chief executive would O. K. the suggestions and send them to

council with the request that they be passed in ordinance form, he decided to take action by "doing nothing" for the time being. And that same condition has prevailed ever since.

When questioned as to what stand he will take in the matter of professional boxing, Mayor Baker said that he hadn't had sufficient time to look into the matter, but would do so in a few days. That's about two weeks ago and nothing definite has been done as yet. Boxing fans are beginning to believe that Mayor Baker's "few days" is a long, long time.

The fact that Mayor Baker has not called off amateur bouts leads me to believe that he still has a desire to put professional boxing to

the test under the supervision of a commission. And he will make no mistake, for he'll find that with the right men in control it will be far superior to the amateur ring game he has permitted for a couple of years past.

It has been said that since Mayor Baker made up his mind that he would not be a candidate for a third term the plan to have professional boxing here died automatically. Time alone will tell. But say, Mr. Mayor, why don't you do the Santa Claus act and either make it a joyful Christmas for the boxing fans by putting your stamp of approval on the pro game or at least by relieving their minds by stating in emphatic terms that the issue is dead as far as you are concerned?

## WITT WON'T REROUTE CARS AS MANY ASK

There will be no change in the routing of Clark avenue, West 14th and West 25th street cars, Tractioner Witt declared Tuesday, despite objections of residents in that section to the present routings. According to Witt, present routings accommodate the larger number of people.

Late Monday residents told council

street railway committee they wanted the old alternate service restored, because under present routings West 25th street cars are crowded and Brooklyn residents wishing to go on West 14th street were compelled to transfer.

## WHAT'S SANTA BAKER GOING TO BRING?



BY RED M'GHEE

I'M wonderin' with youse fight fan guys what's gonna be our Xmas prize from Santa Claus Newt D. The chimney an' the good ol' sock are there a-waitin'. An' the clock ticks on as slow's can be. Ol' Santy Newt sure works with ease an' goes as slow as frost night's breeze, but we won't make no whine if he'll come through this long delay an' drop the little note t' say: "Go to it. Boxin's fine."

This fight commission's worked some hard investigatin' boxin', pard, 'fore makin' their report. An' now they'd kind o' like t' know as well as yon an' me what show there is for fistic sport. They've done their part an' done it well, an' now they waits for Newt t' tell 'em what the answer is. They've wrote an' told him what they'd like an' they don't wanna see no spike sunk in this fightin' biz.

An' there's ol' Santy at the



socks. One present is, "Go on an' box." The other one is "Nix." He's undecided which to drop, an' some poor fight fan's heart'll stop if he don't quit his tricks. Go on, Newt, drop the "yes" an' scoot. The fans'll love ya an' t' boot, the gift'll help the town. Ol' Claus, y' know, 's no killjoy saint. Drop one or t'other, Newt, there ain't no use stallin' 'round.



## What Council Did Monday Night

Here's the business transacted by council Monday night:

Passed ordinance granting Cleveland Rapid Transit Co. an extension of one year in which to start work on subway, measure requiring that one line shall be completed in 30 months after work is started.

Made purchasing agent supervisor of city storehouses.

Asked Concon to report on cost of extending Buckeye-rd car line from E. 116th-st to E. 130th-st.

Ordered more lights in Washington park.

Passed resolution calling on Nickel-plate railroad to explain delay in starting West-side grade elimination.

Received Dittrick resolution providing car fares shall be paid upon entering cars coming to Public square and upon leaving cars running from square.

Voted for a probe of methods used by Supt. Gus Hanna of street cleaning department in employing men who played on street cleaners' baseball team.

Received resolution by Townes providing suburban cars shall stop on signal at all street intersections.

Received resolution by Moylan providing an extra clerk and two more bailiffs in muny court.

Received report from Server Sidlo saying comfort station at E. 55th-st and Euclid-av will cost \$5500.

## SUBWAY BOND PLAN BEING COMPLETED

W. R. Hopkins, president of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Co., announced Tuesday that soon after Jan. 1 he will ask the state public utilities commission to approve his method of financing Cleveland's proposed subway system.

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Hopkins said the subway bonds sale practically has been arranged. "We expect approval of our plans in time to start actual work in the spring," he said.

The city reserves right of purchase, and right to designate minimum number of stops.

## COUNCIL WILL HEAR PLEA FOR SINGLE TAX

Single taxers have been promised the opportunity of officially placing their tax reform program before city officials next Friday.

Howard M. Holmes, secretary of the single tax club, before council tax committee late Monday, said he wants council to indorse a fight in the legislature for tax reform. The committee promised to allow Holmes all Friday afternoon for discussion of the single tax program.

## Slash \$600 from Recreation Salary

Council appropriations committee Tuesday voted to reduce Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black's salary from \$3000 to \$2400, by reducing the city's share from \$2000 to \$1400. The other \$1000 is paid by school board.

The committee voted to abolish the division of research and publicity in the welfare department, which asked \$1385.

## SIDLO TO SWAT FLY

Server Sidlo said Tuesday he will co-operate with Dr. Jean Dawson in her fight on flies if council grants her \$2000 for the 1915 fly warfare.

Enough councilmen are pledged to the appropriation practically to insure it. The \$2000 will pay girls who will point out unsanitary conditions. Dr. Dawson does not ask a salary for herself.

## ASKS COUNCILMAN FOR SALOON HELP

Michael Goldsmith Wants Conference on Later Closing Proposition.

Friends of Street Car Business Agent Alarmed Over His Condition.

### LABOR MEETINGS TODAY

CLEVELAND FEDERATION OF LABOR, 7:30 p. m.  
UPHOLSTERERS, 7:30 p. m.  
SEET METAL workers, 8:30 p. m.  
COMPOSITION roofers, 7:30 p. m.  
BOOKBINDERS, 38, 7:30 p. m. All at Cleveland Federation of Labor headquarters, 310 Prospect-av S. E.  
BRICKLAYERS' union, 7:30 p. m. At Bricklayers' headquarters, 737 Prospect-av S. E.  
CARPENTERS, 1615, 7:30 p. m. Sackett-av, near Fulton-rd N. W.  
MOSAIC TILE setters, 27, 7:30 p. m. At Waiters and Cooks' club, 1120 Prospect-av S. E.  
BEER BOTTLERS and Drivers' union, 164, 7:30 p. m. At 2531 Lorain-av.  
ASPHALT PAVERS' union, 80, 7:30 p. m. At Scovill-av S. E. and E. 14th-st.

Beginning an agitation aimed to change the closing hour of saloons from midnight to 1 a. m. and the opening an hour later, Michael Goldsmith of the bartenders' union yesterday wrote to Councilman James J. McGinty asking for a conference.

Goldsmith believes saloon hours should be regulated by central standard time, the official time of Ohio, instead of Cleveland's eastern time.

"I am acting in this matter on my own initiative," Goldsmith declared. "I have not solicited the backing of saloon proprietors and the bartenders' union has taken no official action. I believe I have public opinion with me. The state recently voted wet. It seems to me the time when most people desire to patronize saloons and restaurants is after evening amusements. As Cleveland restaurants are now regulated, there is little time for supper after the theater or other evening amusements."

The proposed change, Goldsmith asserted, would not permit longer hours, but would change hours so public and proprietor would each benefit.

Anxiety of friends of William Earl, business agent of the street car men's union, who has been ill at his home, 1000 E. 77th-st, several days, increased yesterday. It was said Mr. Earl has been advised by physicians he must undergo an operation immediately. Mr. Earl demurred, it was understood, because of the annual election today of the car men's union. Earl is running for re-election as business agent.

Referring to opponents of his administration as "malcontents," President George R. Davies of the street car men's union, who is running for re-election, issued a formal reply to an eleventh-hour campaign card put out yesterday in the interests of Tom Griffin, candidate for president; Sam Wallace, for vice president; Charles Streeter, for financial secretary, and William Earl, for business agent.

Cleveland letter carriers and post-office clerks plan to oppose Postmaster General Burleson's program to save money for his department.

Michael O'Donnell, head of the letter carriers' union, yesterday wrote Congressman Robert Bulkley for information concerning the proposed re-

trenchment schedule. Bulkley's reply will be taken before the union for consideration. Some action by the clerks' union was promised by Max Mus-

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## COUNCILMEN TAKE SLASH AT EXPENSE

Order Cut in City's Pay Roll, Abolish One Bureau and Merge Others.

Health Division Comes Up Today for Economic Consideration.

Salary reductions, complete discontinuance of one bureau and merger of three others that will result in elimination of half of the employees were decided upon by members of the council committees on appropriations and finance yesterday in dealing with the city divisions under Public Welfare Director H. R. Cooley. Members of the committees clashed with Director Cooley when a reduction in the salary of Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black from \$3,000 to \$2,400 was proposed.

"The salary has been fixed by the board of control," said Director Cooley. "The charter says the board of control shall fix the salaries."

"Yes, but we appropriate the funds and we propose to use our power," said Chairman A. J. Damm of the council committee on finance.

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Received resolution by Townes providing suburban cars shall stop on signal at all street intersections.

Received resolution by Moylan providing an extra clerk and two more bailiffs in many court.

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The city reserves right of purchase, and right to designate minimum number of stops.

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Enough councilmen are pledged to the appropriation practically to insure it. The \$2000 will pay girls who will point out unsanitary conditions. Dr. Dawson does not ask a salary for herself.

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Single taxers have been promised the opportunity of officially placing their tax reform program before city officials next Friday.

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Council appropriations committee Tuesday voted to reduce Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black's salary from \$3000 to \$2400, by reducing the city's share from \$2000 to \$1400. The other \$1000 is paid by school board.

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CLEVELAND FEDERATION OF LABOR, 7:30 p. m.  
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Beginning an agitation aimed to change the closing hour of saloons from midnight to 1 a. m. and the opening an hour later, Michael Goldsmith of the bartenders' union yesterday wrote to Councilman James J. McGinty asking for a conference.

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The proposed change, Goldsmith asserted, would not permit longer hours, but would change hours so public and proprietor would each benefit.

Anxiety of friends of William Earl, business agent of the street car men's union, who has been ill at his home, 1000 E. 77th-st, several days, increased yesterday. It was said Mr. Earl has been advised by physicians he must undergo an operation immediately. Mr. Earl demurred, it was understood, because of the annual election today of the car men's union. Earl is running for re-election as business agent.

Referring to opponents of his administration as "malcontents," President George R. Davies of the street car men's union, who is running for re-election, issued a formal reply to an eleventh-hour campaign card put out yesterday in the interests of Tom Griffin, candidate for president; Sam Wallace, for vice president; Charles Streeter, for financial secretary, and William Earl, for business agent.

Cleveland letter carriers and post-office clerks plan to oppose Postmaster General Burlison's program to save money for his department.

Michael O'Donnell, head of the letter carriers' union, yesterday wrote Congressman Robert Bulkley for information concerning the proposed re-

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The suit to test the eight-hour day ordinance brought at the instigation of labor leaders was begun yesterday morning in Municipal Judge W. B. Beebe's court and continued on request of council for the defense Dec. 22. The suit was brought the form of a criminal action against Otto Stangy, superintendent of the Casey Construction Co., charging him with permitting men to work more than eight hours a day on the filtration plant.

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Health Division Comes Up Today for Economic Consideration.

Salary reductions, complete discontinuance of one bureau and merger of three others that will result in elimination of half of the employees were decided upon by members of the council committees on appropriations and finance yesterday in dealing with the city divisions under Public Welfare Director H. R. Cooley. Members of the committees clashed with Director Cooley when a reduction in the salary of Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black from \$3,000 to \$2,400 was approved.

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Changes in the saloon closing ordinance have been considered by Marquard since the adoption of Eastern time last spring. This took an hour's business in the evening from saloonists, he says. It also inconvenienced theatergoers, according to Marquard.

He planned to submit the legislation some time ago, but was advised to await until after the Cleveland electorate had passed upon the home rule and prohibition amendments to the state constitution. The decisive vote against prohibition has convinced Marquard that a 2:30 or 1 o'clock closing ordinance would be upheld at a referendum.

Baker is thought not to favor a change in the closing regulations, holding that the council should not tamper with the present ordinance. The entire proposition will probably be threshed out at a caucus of Democratic councilmen in Baker's office Monday. The Anti-Saloon League announced a number of months ago that it would initiate a 10 o'clock closing measure.

Support of amendments to the closing ordinance will come from the Cleveland Federationist, local organ of the American Federation of Labor. In a recent editorial it urged a change, claiming that the present midnight ordinance prevented theater parties and injured many lines of business.

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Whether the omissions were intended as a disciplinary measure against Senator Burton, or whether Ohio rivers and harbors have been brought to a high state of completion, members of the committee would not state.

The bill carries a total of less than \$40,000,000. Out of a respectful consideration for Burton's opinions, no new improvement projects are started by the appropriations.

Senator Burton has said he would not fight a bill that appropriated merely to continue work on old projects and to maintain work already completed.

## GUS HANNA IS WHITEWASHED; TOWNES KICKS

Charges that the special council committee appointed to investigate Gus Hanna's Street Cleaners' baseball team used steam-roller methods to jam through a report favorable to Hanna without giving Councilman Woods, who sought the probe, a fair chance to present evidence, were made Wednesday by Councilman Clayton C. Townes.

Councilmen Meyers and Reynolds voted late Tuesday to "whitewash" Hanna, who is street cleaning superintendent. Townes, in voting no, pointed out it was only Monday night that council officially sanctioned the probe, while Woods had not even been notified of Tuesday's meeting.

Townes added new charges, declaring members of Hanna's team, while supposed to be working for their \$2-a-day salary as assistant foremen, were loitering at his office.

### SALEN OUT FOR MAYOR?

Charles P. Salen, defeated for the Democratic nomination for mayor by Mayor Baker in 1911, loomed up Wednesday as a probable candidate for mayoralty honors. His friends declare he will run following indorsement by the executive committee of the True Democracy league Tuesday night.

## HARBOR WORK HAMPERED HERE

Dredging operations in Cleveland harbor next year will be reduced one-half, Major P. S. Bond, United States engineer in charge of this district, said, as result of Ohio receiving scant consideration in river and harbor appropriations.

Of the total appropriation of \$40,000,000 for river and harbor work, Cleveland gets \$100,000; \$200,000 had been asked.

Senator Burton's opposition to the bill, first carrying \$60,000,000, is supposed by some to be responsible for Cleveland's small appropriation.

### CLINE GOES AWAY; WON'T SAY HE'S A CANDIDATE

John A. Cline, whom many expected to see in the race for mayor on the Republican ticket, has left for a trip to South America and Panama without announcing whether he would run. He will return the middle of January.

Cline presided at a meeting of the Daachshund club, at which Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, jokingly said Cline "never would get started as a candidate for mayor."



*Thursday*  
**URGE BIG CHANGES  
FOR CITY ECONOMY**

**Councilmen Want Certain  
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tivities Suspended.**

**Would Merge Health Bureau  
With Safety Manage-  
ment.**

Sweeping changes in operating city departments will be proposed by city council representatives at a meeting with Mayor Newton D. Baker and the board of control this morning as the result of the financial situation confronting the city.

Members of the council committee on appropriations and finance yesterday arranged for a joint meeting with the mayor and the board of control following a council committee meeting marked by heated debates over the question of discontinuing certain activities of the public welfare department.

The closing of the Girls' home at Warrensville was suggested among other things after Councilman William Stolte criticized conditions at the institution.

Councilman J. J. McGinty opposed cutting the entire appropriation. Charities Commissioner J. B. Vining also protested against reducing the allowance for the home and said the home could not possibly be run with one superintendent.

The committee allowed \$1,200 instead of \$900 for supervision. The sum of \$10 was allowed for music expenditure.

"It is a question of cutting somewhere," said Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald, leader of the council minority, when representatives of the public welfare department protested against the pruning knife.

"We have to cut \$1,180,000 and it is up to the head of the departments to show where it can be done," said Mr. Fitzgerald.

Following are the changes to be proposed to the board of control today: Transfer of the entire health division from the welfare department to the department of public safety; consolidation of the bureau of immigration, the vocational guidance bureau and the city employment bureaus; enforcement of a rule prohibiting any department head from overdrawing accounts.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds before the council committees urged transfer of the division of health to the department of public safety. Councilman Reynolds also urged establishment of the tenement house inspection bureau as provided by the pending tenement house code. The appointment of ten inspectors was urged. It was pointed out this expense would be covered in part by the license fees.

There are about 5,000 tenements in the city, it was said. A license fee of \$1 a year is proposed. Arguing for the adoption of the plan of transferring the health division to the department of public safety, Councilman Reynolds suggested that policemen, instead of being placed on the pension roll while they are active, could be assigned to health and sanitation service.

"We want Cleveland to be the first flyless city in the country."

Dr. Jean Dawson, head of the Cleveland anti-fly movement, advanced this argument in urging an appropriation of \$2,000 for anti-fly work in 1915.

Councilman McGinty said an effort would be made to provide the funds. The question will be considered today.

Practically the entire amount sought by the health division was allowed by council. Councilman McGinty questioned Health Commissioner C. E. Ford regarding duties of food inspectors outside the city.

"I have been told that in some instances men have been wine and dined by the farmers," said he.

Dr. Ford said he had no knowledge of such cases.

The council committees have cut \$139.11 from the estimates of department heads. There is still more than \$1,000,000 to be cut if the debt of \$765,000 is to be wiped out.

Members of council have not de-

cided whether there will be an allowance for additional police. An increase of \$100,000 asked by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch temporarily has been allowed to stand.

*Main Dealer*  
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Miner G. Norton will make known by Feb. 1 whether he intends to be a candidate for mayor.

Friends of the attorney are sounding sentiment in practically every ward in Cleveland and a report of the situation in each ward is being made to Mr. Norton.

A condition which it is considered would cause Mr. Norton to keep out of the race would be a conclusive demonstration that all elements of Republican strength have united on Harry L. Davis. Mr. Norton's friends assert, however, that such is not the case.

Followers of Mr. Norton declare Mr. Davis cannot command the backing that was his in 1913. They say Mr. Davis is losing ground, and state confidently that Mr. Norton is the only prospective candidate mentioned for the 1915 campaign on whom all factions could agree.

Norton adherents insist that because of his alliance with Maurice Maschke, Mr. Davis will be opposed by such Republicans as blame the county executive committee for the Republican defeat in Cuyahoga county Nov. 3.

Henry Gollwitzer, whose name was announced with the names of a committee appointed by the Brooklyn Republican club to call on Mr. Norton to talk with him regarding his becoming a mayoralty candidate, said yesterday he was not acting on any committee.

While Charles P. Salen may determine later to become a candidate for mayor, he is not entering the field now.

"It is too early for anyone to become a candidate at this time," Mr. Salen said yesterday.

Cleveland representatives of the True Democracy league want Mr. Salen to run, and it is not at all unlikely that he will.

Several Republicans are mentioned for appointment by Governor-elect Frank B. Willis to succeed John D. Fackler as deputy state tax commissioner. A conviction was expressed yesterday, however, that Mr. Willis would not fill the place, inasmuch as he is pledged to change the Warnes tax law at an early date.

Robert Simpson, with years of experience as a taxing official, and William Shaw, member of the tax complaint board, were discussed yesterday as candidates for the post. The name of Theodore M. Bates also was mentioned. It is understood Mr. Shaw would have considerable organization backing for the appointment.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, D. J. Zinner and J. Martin Thumm, Democratic state central committeemen here, yesterday received notice of a state Democratic meeting to be held Monday in Columbus, as did also W. B. Gongwer, member of the state executive committee.

Mr. Gongwer expects to attend the session. Mayor Baker had not decided yesterday whether he would go.

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**HERE'S NEW YEAR'S CHEER**

**Mayor Rules Grills May be Open  
Until 1 A. M. Jan. 1.**

Music and imbibing of New Year's cheer may be continued in downtown hotels and grill rooms until 1 a. m., Jan. 1, providing the supply of cheer is purchased before midnight New Year's eve.

This announcement was made at city hall yesterday. It had been ordered previously by Director of Public Safety A. A. Benesch that cafes must close at midnight New Year's eve and eject their patrons at that time. The new ruling came from Mayor Newton D. Baker at the request of hotel proprietors.

No liquor will be sold after midnight, but patrons will be allowed to remain until 1 a. m.



## BAKER TO CLOSE LAST OF RESORTS

Mayor Orders All to Remove  
Within Six Months; Four  
More Suppressed; Cru-  
sade Continues.

Fulfillment of Mayor Baker's promise to the vice committee of the Federated Churches several months ago that the segregated district would be eliminated before the close of his administration was forecast yesterday in orders to four resort keepers to close their places within a month.

That proprietors of all resorts in the city have been told that they must close their doors and remove within six months from the district was not denied by Baker.

"I intend to continue my policy of silence on this subject," said the mayor.

### Believes in Gradual Suppression.

His policy in action has been gradual suppression, looking toward ultimate abolishment. He promised that he would accomplish this finally, in a letter to Rev. E. H. Tippet, chairman of the social betterment committee, and its subcommittee, the vice committee of the Federation, several months ago.

This assurance followed a series of meetings on the subject. The committees, according to Rev. Tippet last night, have every confidence that the mayor will do what he has agreed, and are satisfied that he will bring it about in the manner he may deem most feasible.

On the vice committee with Rev. Tippet are Dr. A. R. Warner, superintendent of Lakeside Hospital, and George Smart, editor of the Iron Trade Review. Tippet is pastor of the Hough Avenue Congregational Church.

He has talked with the mayor about the situation several times since the promise was made, the last time about two weeks ago. The mayor then gave Tippet the latest data showing what was being done to do away with what the vice committee defines as a "menace to the city's health and morals."

### Resorts East of E. 9th Street.

The four places ordered closed by the police are all east of E. 9th street. That portion of the district between E. 6th street and E. 9th street on Hamilton avenue was forced out of existence since Baker made his promise.

Director of Public Safety Benesch predicts elimination of the entire district before the close of next year. He denied, however, that authority for closing the places notified yesterday came from him, but said it was the result of violation of the liquor laws.

Several months ago he advocated the segregation method of dealing with the problem. He was denounced for his attitude by the ministers of the city and Baker's pledge followed shortly.

The administration's stand on a question which previous administrations have either evaded or temporized with, is believed to be largely influenced by the fact that E. 9th street, leading to the "gate" of the district, will be a thoroughfare to and from navigation companies' passenger stations, to be opened on the city's E. 9th street pier next summer. Another reason is the opening, not far away, of the new city hall, October 1, 1915.

## CIVIC DEBT CALLED TAXPAYERS' MENACE

Councilman FitzGerald Would Compel Department Heads to Cur-  
tail 1915 Expense Lists.

Municipal financing, which has resulted in the borrowing of hundreds of thousands for operating expenses of the city government, was attacked by Councilman FitzGerald at a meeting of the council committee on appropriations yesterday.

FitzGerald declared that taxpayers would be imposed upon unless outstanding deficits were wiped out and the 1915 appropriation ordinance brought within the estimated receipts for next year. He proposed that departmental directors be summoned before the committee and forced to decide just what activities must be curtailed next year.

### Sees Peril in Debts.

"If the city goes on piling up debts a man cannot own real estate in Cleveland," said FitzGerald. "Big corporations begin to curtail activities when they run short of funds and a similar policy must be followed by the city. The city is not only bankrupt but is \$765,000 in debt. It is up to the directors to decide just what things they can best do without."

FitzGerald declared that the committee on appropriations had merely scratched the surface during the sessions lasting for more than a week.

Departmental estimates have been cut but \$142,111 by the committee, although exceeding the estimated receipts for next year by \$1,180,000.

"The overhead expense of administration is \$300 per inmate," said FitzGerald, in proposing a curtailment of expenditures for the Girls' Home at Warrensville. Commissioner of Charities and Correction Vining had asked for an appropriation of \$3,030 for the institution, although but thirteen girls are cared for.

### Home Unnecessary.

"The institution, no doubt, is extremely beneficial," said FitzGerald. "But it is not absolutely necessary and the committee must recognize this fact in reducing expenditures."

The committee cut an appropriation for supervision at the home from

\$1,200 to \$900, although Vining declared that it would be better to wipe out the entire institution than to deprive it of funds.

The appropriation committee will meet with the board of control today to discuss the proposal to transfer the division of health from the department of public welfare to the department of public safety. This was urged by Councilman Reynolds yesterday.

Commissioner of Health Ford urged an appropriation of \$1,000 for fitting up a detention home for contagious disease at the Warrensville City Farm. He said that smallpox was prevalent in a number of northern Ohio cities and it was only a question of time until an outbreak occurred in Cleveland.

**MAYOR ADDRESSES MEN'S CLUB**—Mayor Baker addressed the annual dinner of the Men's Club of the Immanuel Episcopal Church, Euclid avenue and E. 87th street, last night on "The Relation of the Church to the Community."

### Proprietors Warned.

Chief Rowe said that the last vestiges of the segregated district would be gone by January 1, 1916, at the latest. Within the last year fifteen places have been permanently closed, he pointed out.

"Every place could be permanently closed by the police within two hours if necessary," he said. "Proprietors of the places now running have been informed of the plans, and understand that they may receive orders to close at any time. When one leaves we refuse to permit the place again to be occupied for the same purpose."



## 1915 TO SEE END OF VICE ZONE

Chief Rowe Thursday announced that the segregated vice district will have been eliminated before the end of 1915.

This statement followed the closing of four resorts late Wednesday, making 12 that have been eliminated since Mayor Baker early in 1914 assured the vice committee he would follow a policy of "gradual elimination" in wiping out the vice district.

Baker Thursday refused to discuss Rowe's statement, but did not deny it.

Rowe said there remain but 30 resorts in Cleveland, and that all are on Hamilton-av east of E. Ninth-st.

"We will close these gradually," Rowe said, "but will hasten the closing if any are found to be disregarding police regulations. We will not permit reopening of the resorts in other parts of the city."

Closing of all resorts was recommended by the federated churches after Chicago and other cities wiped out their vice districts.

## PARENTS GRIEVE, ASK BAKER TO FIND SON

"Will you please assist in locating our boy? We feel that we can stand it no longer. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Springsteen, 430 Bolander-st, Dayton, O."

This letter came to Mayor Baker Thursday. The missing son, they wrote, is twenty-seven years old. On his arm is tattooed the statue of liberty. He disappeared Dec. 7.

## HUSTLE TO REWARD LAWRENCE ESTATE

Mayor Baker Thursday obtained from the city finance department figures showing the late Judge James Lawrence received \$8500 for his services as special attorney in Cleveland's successful fight to regain about 20 acres of lake front land, claimed by four railroads since 1849.

The estimates of the value of the land regained range from \$3,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

"Lawrence has been paid too little," Baker said. "We want to arrive at an appropriate figure of compensation of the Lawrence estate before the appropriation ordinance is passed."

## ASK STATE FOR AID, SAYS BAKER

Cleveland will carry over until next year its \$765,000 municipal deficit piled up this year if councilmen heed the advice given Thursday by Mayor Baker to the board of control and council finance and appropriations committees.

Baker told councilmen two ways are open to remedy the city's financial straits: to abolish enough city divisions and officials to cut \$1,100,000 off department heads' requests, or to carry on necessary work, with a slight increase over this year's appropriation, and appeal with other Ohio cities to the state general assembly for aid. Baker said he preferred the latter course.

It will be prohibitive to own property in Cleveland in a few years because of the deficit, Councilman Fitzgerald contended.

Board of control members and councilmen are to consider merging the immigration, vocational guidance and employment bureaus under one head. It was tentatively decided to give the outdoor relief \$10,000 more than was asked, making \$42,000 in all, so the division can be decentralized and the branch stations urged by social workers established.

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Mayor Baker Thursday ignored a ruling by Safety Director Benesch that all downtown hotels and grills must close promptly at midnight New Year eve. The mayor told Police Chief Rowe that while bars themselves must be closed at midnight, a stock of cheer sufficient to last not later than 1 a. m. New Year morning may be laid in, and patrons permitted to make merry until then.

Announcement of reservations will be made soon by hotel and grillroom managers. It is expected this year's throng will exceed that of other years.

## DECLARE LEAKS HURT CITY HEAT PLANT SERVICE

Municipal light and waterworks officials Thursday were investigating complaints that leaks in the municipal steam heating system mains between East 107th and East 89th streets are seriously impairing service. At some places on the Euclid avenue stretch steam could be seen finding its way to the surface between paving blocks.

Lighting Commissioner Ballard contended it practically impossible for steam to escape because of the method of laying the pipes—surrounded by three inches of insulation, in split tile protected by a layer of sand.

Receipts in October were \$600, in November \$3,000. These figures, according to Ballard, are double those for the corresponding period last year. The new art museum in Wade park was connected last week. Last year the system ran up a deficit of approximately \$12,000.



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If he can get the floor Mr. Bulkley hopes to deliver in the house of representatives at Washington tomorrow noon his second speech of any length since his election to congress.

It will be on the question of government aid for rural credits, and Mr. Bulkley has expended as much labor in its preparation as he did when he spoke on the currency reform. That was his first extended effort at speech making in the house.

The congressman yesterday expressed regret at not having been able

favor the mayor's plan of waiting for action from the legislature this winter. I believe the only way to get relief is to give the people an intelligent understanding of the city's plight and the way to do that is to cut the service."

The total amount slashed from the budget of the mayor since the public meetings of committees were begun is \$151,577. It was stated yesterday \$150,000 more would be cut today. If this policy is decided upon there will be no allowance for additional police. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch has asked for \$100,000. The

council members yesterday cut the appropriation for the printing of the mayor's budget. Salary raises for the purchasing department amounting to \$2,780 were also denied.

The council committees passed for further consideration the questions of allowing \$2,000 for anti-fly work, an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for the outdoor relief department and an appropriation for the appointment of ten new sanitary inspectors. Concilman J. W. Reynolds urged at the meeting in the mayor's office the division of health be transferred to the safety department. Arguments

against the plan were advanced by Health Commissioner C. E. Ford.

Councilmen charged at this meeting civil service had added \$25,000 in salary raises to the city's tax burden in the past year. Blame for salary increases was placed by Director Coughlin on the charter requirement which places the responsibility of fixing salaries on the board of control.

to come to an agreement with Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston as to how government aid for rural credits should be applied.

"I agree with the secretary's report that the main point of difference with respect to rural credits legislation has been the matter of government aid," he said. "I regret that I have not been able to reach an understanding with the secretary regarding how government aid should be exerted."

It is not likely the Democratic executive committee will meet with Mr. Bulkley this trip, although there may be a conference today. The congressman reached Cleveland yesterday and will return to Washington this evening.

Members of International Molders' union, No. 27, have indorsed Peter Witt for mayor.

It was announced yesterday a resolution, unanimously concurring in the action of union No. 218 in indorsing Mr. Witt, was adopted at a meeting of union No. 27 Tuesday evening. Support of the union is pledged to the candidate.

Notice of the organization's action was sent out yesterday, signed by Frank J. O'Brien, president; William Brown, and Fred L. Baumgartner.

Harry L. Davis probably will name at an early date a large campaign committee, similar to the committee of 100 selected by him in 1913, to head his fight for the mayoralty.

This establishes that the Republican county executive committee, as such, will not participate in the Davis campaign. Members of the committee likely will be asked to serve on the Davis committee, however.

It is expected that Mr. Davis will have with him next year some of the men who acted on his committee in the last municipal campaign. But it is understood others of the 1913 Davis committeemen are not partial to the candidacy of Mr. Davis for next year, and may not support him.

Miner G. Norton, for instance, was a Davis leader and a member of the small executive committee which handled the Davis campaign last year. Mr. Norton is considering becoming a candidate for mayor.

T. E. Greene was one of the Davis executive committee in 1913. Mr. Greene before that time, however, was an assistant county prosecutor under John A. Cline, who this year is mentioned as a possible candidate.

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Miss Chadsey, Chief of Bureau of Sanitation, May Resign Owing to a \$600 Reduction.

### OTHER INCOMES SLASHED

Council Committee on Appropriations Makes a Net Decrease of \$151,577.

Wiping out of the city divisions of employment and vocational guidance, and a cut in the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, which may force her resignation, was agreed upon by the council committee on appropriations, yesterday.

Action followed an earlier meeting in the office of Mayor Baker at which the mayor questioned the authority of the council to limit salaries of city division heads. He held that this power rested with the board of control. Baker wanted appropriations for salaries made in lump sums, saying that the council should establish a precedent for other administrations.

Pay of Miss Chadsey was cut from \$1,800 per year to \$1,200 per year. This is \$150 less per year than the salary paid sergeants and desk officers in the same bureau. Miss Chadsey refused to comment upon the decrease further than to say that the action was not final. She would not say whether she would leave the employ of the city if the council backed up the action of the committee.

### Cole's Salary Cut.

The committee also cut the salary of R. E. Cole, commissioner of immigration, from \$1,500 to \$1,200 and refused an appropriation of \$2,000 for a fly extermination campaign. This appropriation was asked by Dr. Jean Dawson, of Normal School, who conducted the work for two years.

"I am thoroughly in sympathy with the efforts of the committee to economize," said Baker, when informed of its action. "If it is found that some of the divisions should be restored, this can be done later."

Director of Finance Coughlin also urged the committee to slash appropriations. He declared that the city faced bankruptcy and that citizens should be given only what they paid for.

The committee refused the request of Allen T. Burns, of the Cleveland Foundation, for an increased appropriation for the outdoor relief bureau. It indicated, however, that it favored Burn's plan of district relief stations, making a start with

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## COUNCILMEN INSPECT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Inner workings of the Cleveland Telephone Company were viewed by city councilmen yesterday on an inspection trip through the main exchange.

After a luncheon with officials in the company's restaurant, councilmen made a trip through the entire plant, seeing operators at work and examining telephone equipment.

The inspection trip was arranged by the committee on telephones and telegraphs, following complaints in regard to service.

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Asked if he would favor County Clerk E. B. Haserodt as a contestant, Mr. Bulkley reiterated it was too early to decide on candidacies.

The congressman's time recently has been taken up largely with deliberations on the subject of rural credits. He has not been finding the road entirely smooth in his advocacy of government aid for rural credits.

If he can get the floor Mr. Bulkley hopes to deliver in the house of representatives at Washington tomorrow noon his second speech of any length since his election to congress.

It will be on the question of government aid for rural credits, and Mr. Bulkley has expended as much labor in its preparation as he did when he spoke on the currency reform. That was his first extended effort at speech making in the house.

The congressman yesterday expressed regret at not having been able

favor the mayor's plan of waiting for action from the legislature this winter. I believe the only way to get relief is to give the people an intelligent understanding of the city's plight and the way to do that is to cut the service."

The total amount slashed from the budget of the mayor since the public meetings of committees were begun is \$151,577. It was stated yesterday \$150,000 more would be cut today. If this policy is decided upon there will be no allowance for additional police. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch has asked for \$100,000. The

council members yesterday cut the appropriation for the printing of the mayor's budget. Salary raises for the purchasing department amounting to \$2,780 were also denied.

The council committees passed for further consideration the questions of allowing \$2,000 for anti-fly work, an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for the outdoor relief department and an appropriation for the appointment of ten new sanitary inspectors. Councilman J. W. Reynolds urged at the meeting in the mayor's office the division of health be transferred to the safety department. Arguments

against the plan were advanced by Health Commissioner C. E. Ford.

Councilmen charged at this meeting civil service had added \$25,000 in salary raises to the city's tax burden in the past year. Blame for salary increases was placed by Director Coughlin on the charter requirement which places the responsibility of fixing salaries on the board of control.

to come to an agreement with Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston as to how government aid for rural credits should be applied.

"I agree with the secretary's report that the main point of difference with respect to rural credits legislation has been the matter of government aid," he said. "I regret that I have not been able to reach an understanding with the secretary regarding how government aid should be exerted."

It is not likely the Democratic executive committee will meet with Mr. Bulkley this trip, although there may be a conference today. The congressman reached Cleveland yesterday and will return to Washington this evening.

Members of International Molders' union, No. 27, have indorsed Peter Witt for mayor.

It was announced yesterday a resolution, unanimously concurring in the action of union No. 218 in indorsing Mr. Witt, was adopted at a meeting of union No. 27 Tuesday evening. Support of the union is pledged to the candidate.

Notice of the organization's action was sent out yesterday, signed by Frank J. O'Brien, president; William Brown, and Fred L. Baumgartner.

Harry L. Davis probably will name at an early date a large campaign committee, similar to the committee of 100 selected by him in 1913, to head his fight for the mayoralty.

This establishes that the Republican county executive committee, as such, will not participate in the Davis campaign. Members of the committee likely will be asked to serve on the Davis committee, however.

It is expected that Mr. Davis will have with him next year some of the men who acted on his committee in the last municipal campaign. But it is understood others of the 1913 Davis committeemen are not partial to the candidacy of Mr. Davis for next year, and may not support him.

Miner G. Norton, for instance, was a Davis leader and a member of the small executive committee which handled the Davis campaign last year. Mr. Norton is considering becoming a candidate for mayor.

T. E. Greene was one of the Davis executive committee in 1913. Mr. Greene before that time, however, was an assistant county prosecutor under John A. Cline, who this year is mentioned as a possible candidate.

## CITY PRUNERS CUT WOMAN'S SALARY

Miss Chadsey, Chief of Bureau of Sanitation, May Resign Owing to a \$600 Reduction.

### OTHER INCOMES SLASHED

Council Committee on Appropriations Makes a Net Decrease of \$151,577.

Wiping out of the city divisions of employment and vocational guidance, and a cut in the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, which may force her resignation, was agreed upon by the council committee on appropriations, yesterday.

Action followed an earlier meeting in the office of Mayor Baker at which the mayor questioned the authority of the council to limit salaries of city division heads. He held that this power rested with the board of control. Baker wanted appropriations for salaries made in lump sums, saying that the council should establish a precedent for other administrations.

Pay of Miss Chadsey was cut from \$1,800 per year to \$1,200 per year. This is \$150 less per year than the salary paid sergeants and desk officers in the same bureau. Miss Chadsey refused to comment upon the decrease further than to say that the action was not final. She would not say whether she would leave the employ of the city if the council backed up the action of the committee.

### Cole's Salary Cut.

The committee also cut the salary of R. E. Cole, commissioner of immigration, from \$1,500 to \$1,200 and refused an appropriation of \$2,000 for a fly extermination campaign. This appropriation was asked by Dr. Jean Dawson, of Normal School, who conducted the work for two years.

"I am thoroughly in sympathy with the efforts of the committee to economize," said Baker, when informed of its action. "If it is found that some of the divisions should be restored, this can be done later."

Director of Finance Coughlin also urged the committee to slash appropriations. He declared that the city faced bankruptcy and that citizens should be given only what they paid for.

The committee refused the request of Allen T. Burns, of the Cleveland Foundation, for an increased appropriation for the outdoor relief bureau. It indicated, however, that it favored Burn's plan of district relief stations, making a start with funds now available.

### Asks \$4,000.

The employment division had asked for an appropriation of \$4,176, and the vocational guidance bureau had requested \$4,785 for next year. The salary of W. F. Hennessey, superintendent of the State-City Employment Exchange, is paid by the state by an arrangement made several months ago. Hennessey said, however, that the city had agreed to pay as much as the state and that the action of the committee might result in the complete elimination of the office.

At a joint meeting of the board of control and the committee the proposal to transfer the division of health from the department of public welfare to the department of public safety was considered. No action was taken. Commissioner of Health Ford was refused an appropriation for ten additional sanitary patrolmen for housing inspection. Mayor Baker opposed a proposal to license tenement houses. This is contemplated in an ordinance now pending before the council.

Net decreases made by the committee total \$151,577. The estimates of departmental directors must be reduced by \$1,180,000 in order to keep the city out of debt for operating expenses next year.

## COUNCILMEN INSPECT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Inner workings of the Cleveland Telephone Company were viewed by city councilmen yesterday on an inspection trip through the main exchange.

After a luncheon with officials in the company's restaurant, councilmen made a trip through the entire plant, seeing operators at work and examining telephone equipment.

The inspection trip was arranged by the committee on telephones and telegraphs, following complaints in regard to service.



## BAKER TO FIGHT COUNCILMEN ON CHADSEY'S PAY

Sanitary Chief Says She'll Quit if Cut; Force Will Be Reorganized

Reorganization of the city's sanitary police force and a bitter fight between Mayor Baker and councilmen to determine where the power to fix salaries shall rest, seemed certain Friday to result from the action of council finance and appropriation committees in slicing \$600 off the \$1,800 salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, sanitation chief.

Miss Chadsey declared Friday she will not stand the salary cut.

"I will not work one minute for one cent less than \$1,800," she said. Miss Chadsey claimed Friday she has laid no plans for the future, but friends say she has an offer to go with a New York city organization.

Baker's statement that council should set aside a lump sum for each division or department and leave to the board of control the disbursement of such funds, embittered councilmen. Baker noted that salary cuts have been made in the cases of Smoke Commissioner Roberts and Recreation Commissioner Black, both of whom are unpopular with council, and declared certain councilmen were equally so unpopular their salaries should likewise be pared.

Baker refused to commit himself Friday on the Chadsey affair. Health Commissioner Ford said he had done his duty in asking for the \$1,800 salary. The Chamber of Commerce housing committee, with which Miss Chadsey has worked extensively, is planning to ask council to reconsider when final consideration is given the 1915 appropriation. The five councilmen who brought about the cut late Thursday declared they would take the floor in council to defend their action.

Sanitary patrolmen are unanimously in favor of putting Sergeant Motter and Sergeant Kadel over them. Kadel and Motter are paid \$1,350 a year, \$150 more than the figure set for Miss Chadsey.

Civil service complications also will arise. Two months ago when a classified service test was given for the position Miss Chadsey was the only one of four applicants to pass. Neither Motter nor Kadel entered the examination. Another test must be given before the position can be filled, if Miss Chadsey resigns.

## HAIL FLY Foe HANNA! HE'LL SUCCEED DR. JEAN

Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, instigator of the "third-term-for-Baker" boom and father of the municipal aquarium project for the Division avenue filtration plant, may lead the 1915 campaign against Cleveland's flies. The suggestion was made Friday when council finance and appropriations committees refused to grant Dr. Jean Dawson a \$2,000 appropriation for the fight.

"The anti-fly campaign is a worthy one, but we cannot afford the money," Councilman Stolte said. "But we have given Hanna a fat appropriation for next year, compared with the city's income. Hanna should use some of his funds for fighting flies."

Hanna, it is said, is not averse to assuming the proposed burden.

## BLACK SALARY TO BE CUT MORE

Recreation Commissioner Black's salary is to be pared some more. After cutting down the city's share of his recompense from \$2,000 to \$1,600 early this week members of council finance and appropriations committees learned Friday the school board will pay \$1,000 toward Black's salary, instead of \$800, as councilmen had figured on. Consequently, the city's appropriation will be cut to \$1,400, so to make Black's aggregate salary \$2,400.

"Welfare Director Cooley told us the school board paid one-third of the salary," Councilman Moylan, member of the committees, explained Friday. "So we figured if the city paid \$1,600 the board would pay \$800, making the total \$2,400. On conferring with school officials we learn they are pledged to pay \$1,000. We want Black's salary to be \$2,400; as it now stands it would be \$2,600."

Council consented to hiring Black at a \$3,000 salary—\$2,000 of which was to be paid by the city—early last summer only after Mayor Baker whipped councilmen into complying with Cooley's demand. The fact that Black's only task at present consists of managing Herr Christiaan Timmer's municipal orchestra led to the cut.

## Burns to Show Waste in Relief

Allen T. Burns of the Cleveland foundation will seek to prove to council appropriations committee that under the city outdoor relief department's present system there is a great waste of supplies.

"Investigation shows that 147 persons of 200 helped in a given period by city outdoor relief also were helped by other agencies," Burns said Friday. "This duplication would be avoided under closer investigation and distribution of supplies by districts."

The committee has voted \$32,180 for outdoor relief. This is the amount spent in 1914. Burns has asked \$59,000 for reorganization of the work.

"Burns' appeal has not been turned down," Councilman Stolte said. "The committee likes his plan, and we have his request for additional funds under consideration."

## REFUSE MONEY FOR NEW POLICE

Council appropriations committee Friday voted against granting Safer Benesch \$100,000 for extra police. This knocks out Benesch's plan for appointing 25 regular policemen and 75 cadet police.

The committee also lopped off \$15,000 from the \$2,090,000 asked by the water department.

Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the city bureau of sanitation said Friday she would resign rather than accept a reduction in salary from \$1,800 to \$1,200, voted late Thursday by the appropriation committee.

## FIND DOG BILL IS OLD

The dog regulating ordinance, which Councilman Durkin recently said first was introduced in council 23 years ago, was in reality introduced in 1856.

City Clerk Collins made the discovery Friday.

The measure which, according to Collins, has been pending in council 58 years, will be given another hearing Monday.

The ordinance provides a tag for all dogs, a license fee of 50 cents a year for males and \$1 for females, and death "by some humane method if the license is not paid."

Animal lovers will be on hand to fight it.



## WAGE CUT URGED TO COVER DEFICIT IN CIVIC BUDGET

**FitzGerald Would Cut Pay  
of All Officials Getting  
More Than \$1,200.**

## PUBLIC MEETING CALLED

**Council Committee Will Hear  
Views of Voters on Deficit  
Estimated at \$901,823.**

Deficits in operating expenses amounting to \$901,823 will be faced by the city next year, unless municipal activities are curtailed or salary reductions made in every city department.

This developed yesterday when the council committee on appropriations completed initial cuts in departmental estimates for 1915. The committee succeeded in reducing budget requests only \$239,327.

### Public Meeting Arranged.

To determine what further decreases should be made and what city activities can best be eliminated, the committee arranged for a public meeting, Tuesday, December 28.

Representatives of civic organizations and citizens generally will be asked to outline their plans for bringing the 1915 appropriation ordinance within the estimated receipts of \$4,633,506.

Councilman FitzGerald proposed yesterday that city activities be curtailed sufficiently to wipe out the impending deficit or that a straight 10 per cent cut be made in the salaries of city employees receiving more than \$1,200 per year.

Majority members of the committee clashed with FitzGerald over his plan. Councilman Stolte announced that he favored a direct charge for garbage collection and rubbish removal.

Establishment of a general store-room system was approved by the committee in spite of the financial stringency. Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies Callow estimated that the project would cost \$10,000 per year, but said it would result in a net saving to the city of \$50,000 a year.

### Aid Bureau Gets \$42,000.

The committee also increased the appropriation for supplies in the outdoor relief bureau by \$10,000, granting the office a total of \$42,000. The Federation for Charity and Philanthropy yesterday adopted resolutions urging that the appropriation be increased to \$50,000 in view of the doubling of the requirements of the city's destitute families.

The committee restored a \$5,000 appropriation for the Humane Society, after having cut the organization's request to \$3,000. Director of Public Safety Benesch was allowed funds for eight additional fire wardens, but was refused an appropriation for 100 extra police patrolmen.

Benesch said that if the fire prevention bureau did not reduce fire losses next year by a third he would not ask for any appropriation for the bureau the following year.

Abolition of the Girls' Home at Warrensville was urged by several of the committee members, but the appropriation of \$3,030 was allowed to stand.

*Leader*

### Against Raise in Rents.

Opposition to any increase in water rents was expressed by committee members in considering estimated receipts of the waterworks division for 1915.

"There will be an uproar if water rents are raised," said Councilman McGinty, in urging Waterworks Commissioner Schulz to exercise the utmost economy in operating expenses.

Commissioner of Light and Heat Ballard estimated earnings of the municipal lighting plant at \$691,000 and this entire amount was appropriated. The estimated receipts for 1915 are but \$300,000 more than the actual receipts for this year.

The South Brooklyn and Collinwood plants were the only ones in operation the greater part of this year, the new \$2,500,000 plant not opening until July.

Deficits which the city must face next year, unless further reductions are made, include \$765,000 which was borrowed this year. If the notes are renewed a further cut of \$176,823 will be all that is necessary. The appropriation ordinance, as it now stands, calls for expenditures of \$5,535,329, while receipts estimated are but \$4,633,506.

Since starting its sessions, the committee has voted to wipe out the divisions of information and publicity, vocational guidance and employment. Pay cuts were given Commissioner of Smoke Inspection Roberts, Commissioner of Recreation Black, Commissioner of Immigration Cole and Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation. An appropriation of \$11,000 for municipal orchestra concerts was approved.

## HOME RULE IN TAXES NEW COUNCIL SLOGAN

**Commission to Be Recommended  
to Study Ohio's "Anti-  
quated" System.**

Appointment of a commission of fifteen to study Ohio's taxation system, with a view to making recommendations to the General Assembly, is to be authorized in a resolution to be introduced in the city council Monday night.

The council committee on taxes and assessments decided on this procedure at a public hearing in the city council chambers yesterday. The proposal for the appointment of a commission came from the Cleveland Single Tax Club.

The present system of taxation was denounced as antiquated by speakers at the meeting yesterday and home rule in taxation was urged. H. M. Holmes, secretary of the Single Tax Club, said the appointment of the commission was not urged to advocate the single tax propaganda, but to induce the state legislature to submit a constitutional amendment which would allow the people to fix their own tax laws.

County Auditor Zangerle declared that he was preparing a bill providing for a \$500 personal tax exemption. Statistics compiled by Zangerle show that the expenses of collecting personal taxes on valuations of less than \$500 amount to practically as much as the tax revenues, he said.

Zangerle said an increase of two-thirds of a cent to the present tax rate would make up the loss occasioned by increasing the personal exemption from \$100 to \$500, even if collection expenses were not reduced.

Tax Commissioner Agnew said that present laws were inequitable and wrong and declared for county home rule in taxation.

## QUICKSAND PERILS THE CITY HOSPITAL GROUP BUILDINGS

**Thousands of Dollars Additional  
Must Be Spent to Protect  
Foundations of New  
Structures.**

## CONCRETE PILES MAY BE USED FOR POWER PLANT

**How Far Underground the Danger  
Extends Engineers Unable to Say.**

Buildings in the new City Hospital group on Scranton road are endangered by an eleven-foot vein of quicksand and thousands of dollars must be expended for foundation protection for other proposed hospital pavilions, according to reports of city engineers.

Results of engineering investigations were laid before the city board of control yesterday. Discovery of the quicksand was made during excavations for the power building and service tunnels now in the course of construction. The quicksand apparently underlies the entire hospital site and may extend under the old buildings, city officials believe.

### Situation is Grave.

Gravity of the situation is realized by Mayor Baker, who expressed the fear that buildings already erected might be endangered if the quicksand was drained. He also declared that the whole hospital scheme had been projected on the basis of solid foundations and said that the discovery of quicksand would add to the cost.

The board authorized an additional expenditure of \$9,320, for the driving of twenty-six-foot concrete piling for the foundation of the power building, after the situation had been explained.

Commissioner of Charities and Correction Vining said that the division was only marking time and pumping water from the excavation, although contracts for the power buildings and tunnels were awarded some time ago.

J. B. De Hamel, superintendent of construction, said that other buildings were on a firm foundation and would not be endangered unless the quicksand was deliberately drained off. There would be danger of a collapse in this case, he said. De Hamel and City Architect Betz said that the location of the power building could not be changed.

### Recommends Concrete Piles.

City Engineer Hoffmann made an investigation after the discovery of the quicksand and recommended that the power building be placed on concrete piles.

Plans for the power buildings and tunnel were prepared by city architects, after Commissioner of Charities and Correction Vining had declined to approve plans of Myron B. Vorce, architect employed for the entire hospital group. Vorce's plans called for a different location for the power building.

The extra expenditure for the power buildings will bring the cost to approximately \$100,000.

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# COUNCILMEN PUT CITY FUND CRISIS BEFORE CITIZENS

Committees Declare Municipal Work Must Cease or \$1,000,000 Must be Borrowed.

Set Dec. 29 as Date for Public Meeting, When Situation Will be Aired.

ALL-NIGHT SALOON TAX IS URGED BY MEMBERS

Uniform Cut in Salaries and Wheel Levy - Also Suggested.

## WHAT COUGHLIN SAYS

"Civic bodies, newspapers and citizens have urged council committees not to cut the special things they favor. Everybody says the budget must be cut but nobody is willing to have us cut the particular department or activity that he is interested in.

"It is for this reason that the council committees on appropriations and finance are calling a public meeting in the council chamber. We want all civic bodies and other public interests to appear at the same time and tell us where the cutting should be done."

"THOMAS COUGHLIN,  
"Finance Director."

Face to face with a financial condition which must result either in the shutting down of city departments or in the borrowing of \$1,000,000 to continue city activities on their present scale, council committees on appropriations and finance decided yesterday to put the question squarely before representatives of leading civic organizations of the city at a public meeting in the council chamber Dec. 29.

The committees yesterday completed their task of going over the mayor's budget for 1915, to find that with all the slashing accomplished by reducing salaries and eliminating bureaus, at least \$913,823 more must be cut to wipe out the debt of \$765,000 incurred this year in the operation of city departments.

Here are the methods for reducing expense or for increasing the city's revenue that will be proposed by council members at the meeting:  
**Salary Cut Advocated.**

A uniform cut to be applied to all salaries above \$1,200.

A wheel tax to be assessed against owners of vehicles.

An all-night saloon tax and other forms of special taxation.

While the committees were discussing the situation the committee on taxes and assessments, at a public

meeting in the city council chamber, was making preliminary plans for the appointment of a tax commission of fifteen to study tax legislation and to report on the question of the advisability of a campaign for home rule in taxation matters.

## Coughlin Places Blame.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee said the question of circulating an initiative petition would be given consideration. The commission to be named will consist of representative citizens of Cleveland.

A resolution authorizing appointment of the commission will be introduced in council Monday night. The council committees were addressed by County Auditor John A. Zangerle, Deputy Tax Commissioner William Agnew and other experts on taxation questions. Both Mr. Agnew and Mr. Zangerle favored county home rule in taxation matters.

Decreasing revenues caused by the 1 per cent. tax limitation law and

# COUNCILMEN PUT CITY FUND CRISIS BEFORE CITIZENS

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the saloon license law were blamed by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin for the city's financial plight. In his opinion the city should not follow the policy of adding to its debt in order to operate departments on the present scale.

He advised the cutting of service.

Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald proposed a uniform salary cut and Councilman William Damm proposed the wheel tax. Councilman J. J. McGinty suggested funds are raised in some cities by issuing all-night saloon licenses. Saloons keeping open after midnight are required to pay the fees. Both Councilman Damm and William Stolte stated they were in favor of special taxation. Other cities have been compelled to adopt this policy, they stated, and Cleveland in their opinion, will have to follow a similar plan.

Finance Director Coughlin reported the council committees have allowed \$5,547,329 for operation of departments and that the total estimated receipts for 1915 are \$4,633,506. In order to prevent the present debt of \$765,000 from increasing, the committee will have to cut an additional \$188,000 from estimates in the mayor's budget, it is pointed out. The total net cuts already agreed upon are \$239,327.

There will be no increase in the size of the police force in 1915, either by appointment of police cadets or regular members. The council committees voted to cut out the entire estimate submitted by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch.

The increase for appointment of eight additional fire wardens was permitted to stand and ordinance authorizing the establishment of the new city fire prevention bureau plan will be introduced in council Monday night.

The appropriation ordinance will be placed on second reading Monday night and the redrafted measure will be re-referred to committees. This will be considered at the coming public meeting. The council committees have voted to allow the safety department an increase of \$103,000 over last year's appropriation. The service department is given a \$7,000 increase and the welfare department an increase of \$96,000.

The outdoor relief department was allowed an increase of \$10,000, but the committees decided to permit only \$720 to be used for salary purposes. The rest will be used in purchase of provisions and shoes. The committees were opposed to appointment of an additional employee at a salary of \$1,800 to have charge of all districts. This was part of the district plan proposed by Allen T. Burns.

The committees decided \$2,000 could not be allowed for anti-fly work, which Dr. Jean Dawson had volunteered to conduct, but voted to restore \$2,000 to the appropriation for the Humane society's work. This appropriation had been cut from \$6,000 to \$3,000 the day before. Councilmen said the work could be handled by the street cleaning di-

vision.

An additional cut in the salary of Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black was proposed yesterday. It was found the board of education has agreed to pay him \$1,000 a year instead of \$800 and for this reason there will be a further cut in the city's share.

The committees believe his pay should be \$2,400 instead of \$3,000, as decided by the board of control.

Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, will resign the first of next year if council does not fix her salary at its present figure of \$1,800. The committees have voted to cut it to \$1,200.

# FEARS QUICKSAND PERILS HOSPITAL

Mayor Comments on Condition Under Foundations of City Power House.

More Money Appropriated to Install Concrete Piling for Safety.

Fear was expressed by Mayor Newton D. Baker at a meeting of the city board of control yesterday that a bed of wet quicksand just discovered under the new City hospital power house foundation, underlies the entire City hospital group on Scranton-rd S. W., and that all of the structures face the same peril.

The new power house is at the edge of the hill leading down to the Cuyahoga valley. To permit work on the structure to proceed with safety the board of control was forced yesterday to approve a subsidiary agreement to spend \$7,000 for concrete piling. The piling will be 26 feet deep.

"We have been marking time over there," said Charities Commissioner J. B. Vining at the board of control meeting yesterday. "We have been pumping water out of the excavation. We dare not go ahead until the piling is put in place."

"The thing troubling me is that all the buildings of the City hospital group, new and old, are subject to the same peril," said the mayor. "Our whole scheme is on a basis that there is a solid foundation. If the quicksand is drawn out they will all go."

Other city officials thought yesterday the other buildings of the group

are not in danger. The city has just completed five structures at a cost of \$500,000. There are about 500 patients in the old buildings.

Opposition to locating the new \$2,000,000 group on the Scranton-rd site was voiced when the subject was before city council three years ago. It was then held the site is not suited to so large an institution. The location of steel mills in the upper valley also was pointed to as an argument against the site.

The subsidiary agreement to construct the piling was let to James H. Wells yesterday. The work will cost \$1.50 a lineal foot. The site chosen for the power house is not that originally selected for this structure, it was explained yesterday by Commis-

sioner Vining.

The mayor suggested the building be placed near Jennings-rd S. W., in the valley, but it was argued that pumpage would add to the maintenance cost of the institution.



## MOYLAN OPPOSES BORROWING MONEY TO PAY CITY DEBTS

Member of Council Finance Committee to Attack Proposed Method at Public Hearing December 29.

## SEES INTEREST CHARGES AS MENACE TO CLEVELAND

Estimates Must Be Cut \$900,000 to Pay Off \$765,000 Indebtedness This Year.

Opposition to borrowing money to renew city loans will come from Councilman Moylan, member of the finance committee, when public hearings are held December 29 to consider suggestions for curtailing municipal activities or reducing expenditures.

"What's the use of borrowing money when there is no possibility of ever repaying it," said Moylan yesterday. "Loans would be constantly increasing and would have to be renewed each year. Interest charges would finally be sufficient to carry on a number of city divisions."

Moylan has consistently voted for appropriation reductions since the hearings started, but has been overruled by fellow committee members in many instances. He voted with Councilman Damm for the elimination of the municipal orchestra.

Representatives of civic organizations and citizens generally have been asked to attend the public hearing in the council chambers.

## COUNCIL TO PROBE QUICKSAND SCARE

Dittrick Will Urge Investigation of Charges That City Hospital Buildings Face Danger of Being Wrecked.

Councilman investigation is to follow charges that buildings in the new City Hospital group on Scranton road have been erected on quicksand, and that thousands of dollars must be added to the cost of other proposed pavilions for foundation protection.

A committee of three to probe the construction of buildings and the action of the city in declining to approve power house plans of Architect M. B. Vorce will be asked in a resolution to be introduced by Councilman Dittrick. Councilman Townes also announced his intention of visiting the hospital site with a view of submitting suitable legislation to the council.

News of the discovery of the quicksand, which is eleven feet deep and underlies the entire hospital site, became public when the city board of control authorized an additional expenditure of \$9,000 for concrete piling for the \$90,000 power house now being built.

"I intend to make a personal inspection of the hospital grounds," Townes said, yesterday. "If everything is not what it should be I will introduce legislation on the subject. It looks to me now as if the city ought to have been aware of the ex-

istence of the quicksand before letting contracts or that the contractor should stand the cost of foundation protection."

Boilers and other machinery will have to rest upon the concrete to prevent collapse, according to De Hamel. He says, other hospital buildings will not be endangered unless the quicksand is drained from beneath them. A million and a half dollars is to be spent for future hospital buildings.

Dittrick said that if buildings were in danger of collapsing the public should know it. "I also want to find out about the delay in completing buildings and the row between Commissioner Vining and architects which has delayed the building of the power house," said he.

Proposed buildings in the hospital group call for expenditures of \$2,000,000. M. B. Vorce was retained as architect for the entire group in 1909. Vining refused to accept Vorce's power house plans and changed the location of the power structure. Vorce says that he will bring suit to collect fees on all hospital buildings erected by the city.

## COUNCILMEN TO INSPECT NORTH RANDALL CAR LINE

Members of the council committee on street railways will inspect the North Randall car line tomorrow. The Cleveland Railway Company has asked authority to purchase the line, which connects the Broadway line with the Forest City Fair grounds at North Randall, for \$146,000.

The committee also will take action on the proposal to again operate W. 14th street cars to South Brooklyn.

## MAYORALTY 'WAR' IN STATUS QUO; ALL LEADERS NEUTRAL

Democratic Chiefs Unlikely to Decide on "True Blue" Candidate Until After New Year's.

## WITT JUST PERMITTING THE SITUATION TO SIMMER

Democrats Oppose Minority Places for Those Opposed to Cox's Re-election.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Politicians believe that the mayoralty situation will remain in status quo until well after the holidays and leaders of both parties are doing everything in their power to let it develop naturally.

On the Democratic side, with Peter Witt the only avowed candidate, party chiefs are waiting for sentiment to show before declaring either for him or for anyone else. Iron-clad instructions have been given to ward leaders not to permit indorsements of candidates and to refrain from talking for any specific candidate or against anyone.

Until the Democratic committee meets, which will not be until after New Year's, it is unlikely that leaders will declare for Witt, for E. B. Haserodt, for Cyrus Locher or for John M. Sulzman.

Sulzman, while not considered seriously by the party leaders, is developing strength aside from the politicians and may very well be a factor in the fall.

## Witt's Situation Simmers.

Peter Witt declared yesterday that he would make no statements for two months, indicating that he is content to let the situation simmer.

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Opposition to borrowing money to renew city loans will come from Councilman Moylan, member of the finance committee, when public hearings are held December 29 to consider suggestions for curtailing municipal activities or reducing expenditures.

"What's the use of borrowing money when there is no possibility of ever repaying it," said Moylan yesterday. "Loans would be constantly increasing and would have to be renewed each year. Interest charges would finally be sufficient to carry on a number of city divisions."

Moylan has consistently voted for appropriation reductions since the hearings started, but has been overruled by fellow committee members in many instances. He voted with Councilman Damm for the elimination of the municipal orchestra.

Representatives of civic organizations and citizens generally have been asked to attend the public hearing in the council chambers.

## COUNCIL TO PROBE QUICKSAND SCARE

Dittrick Will Urge Investigation of Charges That City Hospital Buildings Face Danger of Being Wrecked.

Councilman investigation is to follow charges that buildings in the new City Hospital group on Seranton road have been erected on quicksand, and that thousands of dollars must be added to the cost of other proposed pavilions for foundation protection.

A committee of three to probe the construction of buildings, and the action of the city in declining to approve power house plans of Architect M. B. Vorce will be asked in a resolution to be introduced by Councilman Dittrick. Councilman Townes also announced his intention of visiting the hospital site with a view of submitting suitable legislation to the council.

News of the discovery of the quicksand, which is eleven feet deep and underlies the entire hospital site, became public when the city board of control authorized an additional expenditure of \$9,000 for concrete piling for the \$90,000 power house now being built.

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Belief of city council members that an investigation should be made at once to learn whether new City Hospital buildings are in danger from quicksand was strengthened yesterday when Councilman Townes made a personal inspection of the grounds.

Townes said he found a hole seventy-five feet long in the foundation of the new hospital power building, caused by a cave-in due to quicksand.

Other Buildings in Danger.

"I think deeper borings should have been made before work was started, so this quicksand could have been discovered before so much money was expended on the work," Townes said last night.

He expressed the belief that other buildings in the hospital group are in danger from the quicksand.

A resolution asking that the council name a committee of three to conduct the investigation has been drafted by Councilman Dittrick, who is working with Townes, and will be introduced tonight. Dittrick will inspect the hospital grounds before introducing the resolution.

Dittrick and Townes both expressed the belief that aside from the discovery of quicksand, the hospital power plant had been located too far from the other buildings to permit economical piping of heat.

May Call Experts.

The special committee asked in Dittrick's resolution will be empowered to call in engineering experts for advice if necessary.

The existence of quicksand under the hospital buildings became known when the city board of control authorized \$9,000 additional expenditure for concrete piling on the \$90,000 power plant now under construction.

## DEBT THREATENS TO SWAMP CITY, SAYS CIVIC LEAGUE

Failure to Provide Sinking Fund as Provided by Law Blamed.

SPENDTHRIFT POLICY HIT

"Method of Financing Would Prove Disastrous to Private Concern."

Evasion of the state laws providing for the creation of proper sinking funds for city debts was charged to city officials by the Civic League, in a report issued yesterday.

Failure of the city government to observe the ordinary rules of business conduct in this regard is declared by the league largely responsible for the fact that in the last ten years Cleveland's debts have increased more rapidly than have the debts of St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburg and, indeed, than the average of the debts of all cities in the country with more than 300,000 population.

In ten years from 1903, the Cleveland debt rose from \$19,993,666 to \$47,474,832, or from \$48.18 to \$79.53 for each person in the city. On December 8, 1914, the league declared the city funded debt was \$48,292,888.56.

"This can be increased by vote of the council by approximately \$1,400,000 and by vote of the people at a referendum election by approximately \$17,200,000 more," the report states.

City Like Spendthrift.

"For the past five years the city has been issuing on an average more than \$5,000,000 in bonds each year and retiring on an average less than \$1,500,000. At that rate of increase in indebtedness, the city will in about four years reach the debt limit unless there is a radical increase in the tax duplicate and a consequent increase in the amount of possible indebtedness.

The report charges that Cleveland officials have been following "the policy of a spendthrift."

"Although the municipal code and the general statutes years ago made provision for a sinking fund which was intended to be mandatory upon every city of the state, Cleveland has resorted to every possible legal and financial device to evade the clear intent of these statutory provisions," the report observes.

Establishment of a "pay-as-you-go" policy is recommended as a remedy for the evils of the sinking fund policy. The report says the city has been living far beyond its means.

"We have practiced a method of financing that would be disastrous in private business," the report states.

League's Conclusions.

"Cleveland has already retrenched to the point of inefficiency," the report alleges, in commenting on these figures.

As conclusions, the report declares: That the city's annual expenditures for maintenance and operation of departments are not unduly high, but that economies can be practiced in many details.

That the city's outlay for permanent improvements is fairly low.

That the city rate of taxation is lower than any of the compared cities except St. Louis.

That Cleveland's total income and expenditures have been lower than the average.

That the city's indebtedness in ten years has increased more rapidly than the others, due "chiefly to Cleveland's extremely unbusinesslike method of handling her sinking fund and failing to provide for the liquidation of her indebtedness as it becomes due."

More Money Needed.

From all of these things the league draws the conclusion that the city must have more money.

"Cleveland cannot materially reduce the operating expenses of the outlays for permanent improvements," the report asserts. "When we consider the remarkable growth of Cleveland during the decade closing in 1910, and its continuing rapid growth, far in excess of most of the cities of its group, the surprising condition is that the city has been able to meet the demands as well as it has. Some relief no doubt can be found by the introduction of greater efficiency here and there in the management of departments. Further relief may be found through state legislation by which the city will receive a larger portion of the revenues which the cities pay into the treasury of the state."



## CITY MAY DECLARE WAR ON BILLBOARD

Would Follow Chicago in Excluding Signs From Residence Districts.

Council and Commerce Chamber Will Consider Question.

Cleveland may find a way to prevent the marring of its beautiful residential streets by unsightly billboards.

Encouraged by a decision of the supreme court of Illinois last week, City Building Commissioner V. D. Allen yesterday announced that he would investigate to determine whether a Chicago city ordinance that practically prevents billboards on residence streets might be a model for a similar ordinance here.

The Chicago ordinance, just held valid, prohibits the construction of billboards in a block in which one-half of the buildings on both sides of the street are used exclusively for residences, unless consent in writing of a majority of owners of street frontage is first obtained.

The Chamber of Commerce committee on municipal art and architecture probably will co-operate with the city building department and city council in obtaining the adoption of such an ordinance in Cleveland.

Members of this committee and council members of the building code committee yesterday expressed themselves in favor of the ordinance, stating that the Illinois supreme court decision seemed to remove legal obstacles that have previously prevented proper regulation of billboards in Ohio.

W. H. Hunt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee on municipal art and architecture, yesterday said the committee would at once seek information as to the effect of the Illinois decision. A special meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday to consider another matter. At this time the committee possibly will consider the billboard question.

A proposed constitutional amendment giving the state enlarged powers to regulate and limit use of property for billboards was defeated by the voters of Ohio in September, 1912. The defeat of the amendment was due largely to the vote in rural districts where farmers have most of their farm buildings leased to sign companies. Influence of the billboard interests also has largely prevented any strict regulatory enactments by the legislature, it was said yesterday.

The present city ordinance governing billboards was passed within the last year. It applies only to future constructions within the inner fire limits, including roughly the district between E. 40th-st and W. 40th-st. Billboards are required to be entirely of fire-proof construction, are limited to 500 square feet, must be four feet from the ground and not more than fourteen feet high. The space under the boards must be kept open; the boards may not be built closer than six feet to the lot line and there must be a space of two feet between boards. The boards must not be closer to the street line than adjoining buildings. A permit and a license fee based on area also is required.

This ordinance, however, does not place restrictions on locations of boards in residence districts. Any property owner may permit the placing of a board on his lot regardless of the objections of adjoining property owners. Depreciation of property values often results.

## CITIZENS SAY CITY SHOULD RETRENCH, PAY AS IT GOES

Men of Affairs Respond to Invitation for Discussion of Cleveland's Financial Condition.

Majority Express Opinions in Harmony With Suggestions of Civic League.

MAYOR APPLAUDS WORK OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

F. H. Goff Sees No Extravagance and Urges Increase of Revenue.

Council's invitation to Cleveland citizens to offer suggestions for the solution of the city's financial problem is meeting with prompt response.

Opinions as to where the difficulty lies and efforts to aid in clearing the situation by expressions pointing to possible remedies are forthcoming both from individuals and from organized bodies, chief among the organizations being the Civic league, which makes public this morning its quarterly bulletin. The bulletin deals entirely with the financial condition of Cleveland.

Bankers, professional and business men on request yesterday offered their advice. In a general way individual citizens agree on several principal points with conclusions reached by the Civic league.

Most frequently emphasized convictions are to the effect that:

Cleveland must find a way to adopt a pay-as-you-go policy.

The city's indebtedness has increased too rapidly.

There should be no additional borrowing.

Every unnecessary office and expenditure should be eliminated.

**Criticizes Business Methods.**

The Civic league further declares Cleveland's annual expenditures for departmental maintenance and operation are not comparatively high; that the city's outlay for permanent improvements the past ten years has averaged reasonably low; that Cleveland's rate of taxation is low, compared with other cities; that this city's income and outlays have been less per capita than in other cities of similar size, and that Cleveland's method of handling her sinking fund has been "extremely unbusinesslike," in that the city has failed to provide for the liquidation of her indebtedness as it comes due.

In invitations to attend the public budget meeting in the city council chamber Dec. 29, two questions will be included, if a plan advocated yesterday by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin is approved today by council committees arranging for the meeting. Citizens and organizations invited to the meeting each will receive a copy of the appropriation ordinance for 1915 along with the written invitation, and these questions probably will be raised:

## CITIZENS SAY CITY SHOULD RETRENCH, PAY AS IT GOES

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current expenses is unwise. We should pay as we go. I have not studied the budget and cannot make any suggestions regarding cutting estimates for any particular department. Of course the unnecessary things should be cut first."

Victor W. Sincere, manager the Bailey Co.: "A meeting of that kind will prove beneficial, as the advice of citizens who have considered city problems can then be obtained. I am planning to attend the meeting."

J. R. Nutt, vice president of the Citizens Savings & Trust Co.: "Some portion of the \$1,000,000 needed by the city might be saved by cutting expenses, but I believe no considerable portion could thus be saved. The city has inherited much of its expenditure, and growth annually adds a little more to the necessary total. The city probably will find it necessary to be carried for part of the million until such time as taxes can be increased. Property now reached is taxed at virtually its full value, and to raise the revenues the rate would have to be increased. Some months ago the city issued \$765,000 of revenue warrants, which were sold to Cleveland banks and outside investors. I believe the city will have to renew these warrants when they fall due early in 1915. Low rates bid fair to continue for some time to come, and the city will be able to get future money for materially less than at the last borrowing."

George Lomnitz, secretary of the Citizens Savings & Trust Co.: "The department of public safety estimates cannot be cut. Cleveland is in need of additional police and fire protection. Chief Wallace has been striving for twelve years to obtain a new fire station on Carnegie-av S. E., near

E. 79th-st, and the funds have not been forthcoming."

Attorney Miner G. Norton: "The great trouble has been in refunding bonds, and in not paying off any. One remedy would be in making some of the departments more nearly self-sustaining. The Warrensville farm, for instance, has not been a paying investment. I agree with its principle, but believe it could be put on a self-sustaining basis or nearly so. Money never should have been transferred from the sinking fund for further improvements. If improvements cannot be financed without transferring funds we should go slow on improvements."

F. H. Goff, president of the Cleveland Trust Co.: "It is unfortunate that a city possessed of the resources and wealth of Cleveland should be compelled to consider how expenditures can be reduced below actual needs. Believing as I do that there has been no extravagance nor waste under the present administration, the pressing question of the new year must be how to increase the revenues so as to provide adequately for the needs of the community. My opinion as to where saving can best be effected in making up the budget for the coming year would be of no value. Undoubtedly there is a necessity for retrenchment and exercise of the strictest economy. I can only hope that it may be deemed extravagant and wasteful in the long run to make inadequate provision for those departments of the city government having to do with health, morals and public welfare. Conserving human life and adding to its efficiency has become an essential function of government."

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday denied the oft-repeated claim that the city's expenses have been materially increased by the increase in welfare department activities.

"These so-called fads have added very little to the expense of running the city government," the mayor said. "The sum of \$10,000 has been allowed for the municipal orchestra. That is small in comparison with the large amount needed for the operation of the other city departments. An increase of over \$100,000 has been allowed the police and fire departments. The increase or a great part of it was necessary because of the automatic increases provided by the salary schedules. I believe a great deal of good is being accomplished by the \$10,000 that the city is spending for a municipal orchestra."

Opposition to the plan of borrowing \$1,000,000 to permit operation of city departments at their present level is expected from Councilmen David Moylan and A. J. Damm when the appropriation ordinance is up for consideration Dec. 29.

The substitute ordinance prepared by council committees will be submitted to council tonight.

The Civic league in its bulletin, for purposes of comparison, offers statistics concerning six cities of about the same size and of similar conditions: Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Detroit.

Cleveland is compared with the five other cities on the cost of operating municipal departments, the results showing a lower per capita expenditure for Cleveland in 1912 in nearly every department:

Shall the city borrow \$1,000,000 to continue operation of city departments on their present scale?

If budget estimates for 1915 are slashed to this extent to wipe out the city's debt for current expense, which departments are to be eliminated?

Representative citizens yesterday expressed a belief that the council committees on appropriations and finance had taken the proper course in arranging for a public meeting to discuss the financial situation.

**Many Express Opinions.**

Opinions as to how the city may be helped in this crisis were voiced by a number of citizens, and here are some of the statements:

President Charles S. Howe of Case School of Applied Science: "We ought not to continue to run into debt for current expenses. I believe the policy of borrowing money to pay



## ORGANIZE TO BOOM CLINE FOR MAYOR

Friends of Ex-Prosecutor  
Prepare Way for His  
Candidacy.

Trade Bodies Seek New Law  
to Aid Merchants in  
Court Fights.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

When John A. Cline returns from his South American trip next month, he will find the boosters who want him to run for mayor have established a city-wide organization to back him if he decides to become a candidate.

The organizing is being carried on in wards throughout Cleveland in Mr. Cline's absence by the men, headed by H. D. Williams, who some time ago asked the former prosecutor to enter for the 1915 campaign. It would seem from their activity that they are convinced Mr. Cline is likely to step into the field.

Reports, however, that Mr. Cline made known definitely, before leaving Cleveland, that he would run, were discounted yesterday by Mr. Williams. These reports came from sources known to be well informed regarding the Cline movement.

The first week in January, the Cline boosters intend holding a meeting at which it probably will be determined to insist on a direct answer from the prospective candidate immediately after he reaches home.

If he decides not to run, the men who would like to see him a candidate want time to agree upon another contestant to whom they can swing their support.

The Cline forces are canvassing shops and factories ascertaining sentiment among employees with respect to various possible candidates. The Cline movement is marked by the number of young men enrolled, those heading it declare.

Several Cleveland trade organizations, co-operating in the plan, are considering efforts to have introduced in the coming session of the general assembly, legislation providing that when a merchant sues on an account, he may receive an allowance for attorney's fees in addition to judgment for amounts owing him and for court costs.

Among the organizations are the Retail Hardware Dealers association and the Master Plumbers' club. The interested bodies are represented by Attorney Edward Hobday, who also is the legal representative of the Industrial association.

"These trade organizations feel that they should be permitted a reasonable allowance for attorneys' fees when they find it necessary to sue," said Mr. Hobday yesterday. "The average small account is about \$8, \$10 or \$12. If a merchant sues on such an account, and wins, he loses money. We think the law does a useless thing in saying a merchant, in suing, can recover only amounts owing and court costs."

State Representative-elect Edward Bohm says he thinks favorably of the suggestion advanced by the trade organizations and that he may introduce a bill on the subject.

The bodies considering this project also are discussing the possibility of having the Valentine act changed to enable members of trade organizations to fix reasonable prices, according to Mr. Hobday.

"It is not a question of whether fixing prices is wrong, but whether the price fixed is reasonable," said the attorney.

"The United States government recently passed a federal trade commission act, the commission to determine what constitutes unfair trade and to inform corporations and interstate carriers specifically what they may or may not do. The reason for this act is that restraint of trade is wrong only when such restraint is detrimental to the general public."

## TOLD OFFICIALS OF QUICKSAND, CHARGES VORCE

Myron B. Vorce, consulting architect for the new City hospital group, charged Monday he warned welfare department officials early in 1914 there was quicksand under the site chosen for the new power house.

He says he advised building a retaining wall and driving pilings to prevent the structure from crumbling.

Instead of accepting his advice, Vorce wrote in a letter to the board of control, Charities Commissioner Vining changed the location of the power house. But he didn't get away from the quicksand, Vorce said.

Board of control Friday voted \$7000 for the piling to brace the power house. Mayor Baker then said he feared the five new buildings might be in danger. Later he said he had been advised by Engineer Hoffman there is no danger.

Welfare Director Cooley said the power house site was changed to avoid the expensive retaining wall suggested by Vorce.

Councilman A. R. Dittrick Monday charged administration heads are making frantic efforts to cover up their mistake in erecting the power house before deeper borings were made.

Dittrick Monday night will urge council to order all work stopped at the new hospital group until engineers determine the extent and location of the quicksand bed.

"The whole affair is a scare, enlarged on by enemies of the administration," Vining said Monday.

"The Valentine act in Ohio prohibits trade organizations from doing many things which would not be really harmful. We think it would be a benefit to the public if trade organization members might fix reasonable and uniform prices, providing always that the prices fixed are actually reasonable. However, we will have to take this up step by step, and carry on an educational campaign to show the public the justice of the proposal. We probably will not get this worked out for the next session of the legislature."

The Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs is to elect officers the first of the year.

There will be a contest for the presidency, according to reports among Republican club members. It is understood his friends want to back John Braschwitz, now president, for that office again. Opposition will come from backers of Dyer A. Marsh, 8111 Madison-av N. W., who, it is declared, also will seek the presidency.

Members of the house delegation from Cuyahoga county may meet the last of this week or the first of next to consider whom the members-elect will support for minority floor leader in the lower house of the assembly.

C. J. Smith of Butler county and John F. Kramer of Richland are the most conspicuously mentioned possibilities.

## COUNCIL'S SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY EVENING

City council Monday night is scheduled to:

Name committee of 15 to frame recommendations for revision of Ohio tax laws.

Order investigation to determine whether five new hospital buildings, like the hospital power-house foundation, are being undermined by quicksand.

Receive ordinance dividing city into 15 fire inspection districts.

Vote on ordinance requiring that cars moving toward Public square shall be operated on pay enter plan, and those going from Square on pay-leave plan.

Order official reports on cause of blast which destroyed apartment house at 11616 Madison-av, killing 10 people, and cause of breakdown of service of Cleveland Illuminating Co. last week.

Give second reading to 1915 appropriation ordinance, which will not be changed until after public hearing Dec. 29.

Receive report showing there are many unemployed in Cleveland, recommending some council action be taken toward furnishing labor, and suggesting that a municipal lodging house be opened.

## CITY MUST HAVE HIGHER TAXES

—Coughlin

An increase in the tax levy for the sinking fund is the only means whereby the city's \$48,000,000 debt can be reduced materially. Finance Director Coughlin said Monday in answering Civic league charges that the city is extravagant.

Coughlin admitted Monday that since January 1, when the new sinking fund commission composed of Mayor Baker, council president and Coughlin himself took office, more than \$2,000,000 worth of bonds have been issued, while less than \$400,000 have been retired. On the other hand he claimed state laws give municipalities leeway to pile up debts while providing tax money enough to pay back only a fraction.

## SINCERE REFUSES TO ENTER MAYORALTY RACE

One Republican frequently mentioned as a candidate for the mayoralty nomination was eliminated from consideration by leaders Monday when he declared he would not accept a nomination. This was Victor W. Sincere, general manager of the Bailey company.

John A. Cline's friends are establishing a city-wide organization and when Cline returns from a southern trip next month will ask him to run for the nomination.

## LEAGUE CAN'T FIGHT EXTRA SALOON HOUR

There'll be no anti-saloon protest against Mayor Baker's order permitting saloons to remain open until 1 a. m. on New Year's, Rev. John S. Rutledge, head of the Anti-Saloon league, said Monday.

"Cleveland saloons have a right to stay open until 1 o'clock, Cleveland time, if they open an hour later in the morning," Rutledge said. "The state law providing for closing hours uses as its standard central time. I don't believe Cleveland can say a saloon must close at midnight, Cleveland time, when it's only 11 o'clock by the state's legal time."

## SEE WAY TO ABOLISH BILLBOARD NUISANCE

City officials and members of the Chamber of Commerce municipal art and architecture committee Wednesday will consider whether a decision of the Illinois supreme court upholding a Chicago ordinance forbidding billboards in residence districts does not furnish the way to abolish the billboard nuisance in Cleveland.



20 Tuesday  
**COUNCIL NAMES  
BOARD TO PROBE  
FLAT EXPLOSION**

**Danger of Quicksand Under  
City Hospital Site Also  
to Be Investigated.**

**ARCHITECT BLAMES VINING**

**Failure to Plan Properly Cost  
\$9,000, Vorce Says; Finance  
Inquiry Smothered.**

Two investigations were authorized by the city council last night, while majority members blocked Councilman Townes' efforts to have a special committee named to consider plans for reducing the city's bonded indebtedness.

Councilmen Kalina, Meyers, Reynolds, Dittrick and Votava were named on a committee to investigate the wrecking of the two-story apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue a week ago, resulting in the death of ten persons and injury to eight others. The committee was authorized to hear evidence and to make recommendations to the council to prevent a recurrence of the affair.

The committee on charities and correction, consisting of Councilman Rolf, McGinty and Smith, all Democrats, will investigate charges that quicksand under the City Hospital site endangers old buildings. Both resolutions for investigations were submitted by Councilman Dittrick.

**Townes Dissents.**

The council also received reports exonerating the street cleaning division baseball team of charges of professionalism and holding Superintendent Hanna blameless of the charge that he had placed foremen and inspectors on the city payroll on account of their baseball ability.

Councilman Townes submitted a minority report, asking that the inquiry be continued. He declared that full opportunity to submit evidence in substantiation of charges had not been afforded by the committee.

Townes' resolution asking for a committee to study the city bonded debt and to make recommendations for decreasing it follows investigations made by the Civic League, which charged that the municipal debt here was increasing faster than in other cities.

**Vorce Blames Vining.**

Blame for added cost of concrete piling for the foundation of the power house at the City Hospital was placed squarely on J. B. Vining, commissioner of charities and correction, in a communication from Architect Myron B. Vorce yesterday. Vorce, architect for City Hospital buildings, whose power house plans were rejected by Vining, said that he had made provision for quicksand in his plans. He declared that other buildings were not endangered by the quicksand but that Vining should have taken the nature of the foundation into consideration when receiving bids for the power house structure. Vining was recently given permission to spend an additional \$9,000 for concrete piling to prevent the power house from sliding.

The council requested Mayor Baughman to appoint a commission of five to make a study of Ohio taxation with a view of submitting recommendations for a change in the constitution of the state.

Leader  
**23 BITTEN BY DOGS;  
COUNCILMEN ACT**

**License Ordinance Placed on  
Second Reading After Ford  
Declares Situation Is  
Alarming.**

**ATTACKS WITHIN 48 HOURS**

**Official's Daughter Attacked in  
Public Library; Fight Expected  
on New Law.**

Reports of twenty-three persons bitten by dogs within forty-eight hours yesterday caused the council committee on sanitation to recommend for passage the Durkin ordinance licensing dogs and providing for the impounding of stray dogs.

Figures were submitted by Commissioner of Health Ford, who declared that the situation had become alarming. Nine employees of the White Automobile Company were bitten by a stray dog, which ran through the factory while the men were at work, Dr. Ford said.

"I would be in favor of killing every dog in the city if it would save the life of one person," said Councilman Wagner, whose eleven-year-old daughter was among those bitten by a dog which dashed through the Woodland avenue public library several days ago.

The ordinance was placed on its second reading at last night's council meeting. It will be up for final passage Monday night. Representatives of the Animals' Protective League will make efforts to line up councilmen to vote against the measure. The vote on the ordinance will be close, according to councilmen.

Dec 22  
**BOND DEBT BOOSTED  
DESPITE CIVIC LEAGUE**

**Council Authorizes Sale of  
\$700,000 Worth of Securities  
After Criticism.**

Cleveland is to continue the policy of increasing its bonded indebtedness, in spite of the Civic League's criticism of "the spendthrift policy" of municipal authorities.

One half million dollars' worth of waterworks bonds, \$175,000 worth of bonds for the sewers in Dugway brook and \$18,000 worth of refunding bonds for the Collinwood municipal lighting plant will be offered for sale by the city Tuesday, December 29. Other big bond issues are also planned by the city council for next year.

Director of Finance Coughlin yesterday advocated the removal of the five mill tax limitation for sinking fund, following the criticism of the city's sinking fund policy by the Civic League.



## DEMANDS INQUIRY OF CITY FINANCES

**Councilman Townes Suggests Council Adopt Retrenchment Policy.**

**Four Investigations Ordered to be Undertaken Soon.**

An investigation of city finances and a report suggesting methods of municipal retrenchment are called for in a resolution offered in city council last night by Councilman Clayton C. Townes. The resolution points out the total bonded indebtedness of the city is about \$48,000,000 and that interest charges will amount to \$1,474,000 in 1915.

This investigation was one of a number brought to the attention of council last night. Four resolutions calling for investigation of other questions were adopted without debate and the report of one investigating committee was received. The Townes resolution was referred to the council committees on taxes and assessments and finance.

These are the investigations authorized: Tax reform legislation with special reference to the financial condition of Ohio cities; explosion at the building on Madison-av N. W. a week ago, which resulted in the death of ten persons; discovery of quicksand beneath the new City hospital power house; paving assessments levied against Sauer-av N. W. property owners.

A report from the special committee investigating the baseball activities of the street cleaning department, filed with council evoked lively debate. The report, signed by the majority members of the committee, states the committee has found no professionalism in the baseball activity of the department and no evidence of pay roll padding has been discovered. It says council members should not besmirch the reputation of city officials.

The resolution by Councilman Townes for an investigation of city finances follows a report from the Civic league, pointing to bond conditions and suggesting a more rapid retirement of municipal securities.

The council passed an ordinance extending time for the retirement of \$470,000 intercepting sewer bonds. New municipal issues are to be offered for sale Dec. 29. Finance Director Thomas Coughlin pointed out that the city's power to levy a tax for interest and sinking fund purposes is limited by the Smith tax law.

The city budget will be discussed at a public meeting in the city council chamber a week from today. Citizens will be asked to state whether \$1,000,000 should be borrowed or whether city service should be cut.

The investigation of taxation reform and the passage of a home rule taxation amendment to the constitution will be taken up by a commission of fifteen citizens to be named by Mayor Newton D. Baker. The council, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution offered by Councilman J. W. Reynolds, calling for the appointment of the commission.

The discovery of quicksand at the new City hospital site is to be investigated by the council committee on charities and corrections and the director of public welfare. The resolution calling for the inquiry was offered by Councilman A. R. Dittrick.

Architect Myron B. Vorce forwarded a report to the board of control yesterday, charging he had warned the department of public welfare early this year that quicksand lies beneath the power house site and advising the use of concrete piling.

The explosion at the Madison-av N. W. building is to be investigated by a committee consisting of Councilmen P. V. Kalina, E. A. Meyers, A. R. Dittrick, J. W. Reynolds and J. E.

Votava. The directors of public service and public safety will co-operate. "Kill it; kill it hard, so it won't come up again," was the advice of Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt when the resolution authorizing the restoration of the old W. 14th-st car routing was under discussion. The council committee on street railways had returned the resolution to council with an adverse report. Councilman Townes, author of the resolution, called for a vote. Eighteen members of council voted against the measure and eight for it.

The committee on street railways also submitted unfavorable reports on the resolution requiring suburban cars to stop at all surface car stops, the resolution calling for a report on a municipal subway terminal and the resolution calling for the placing of signs at all street car stops.

Council passed the Hill-st S. E. vacation ordinance. The Nickel Plate railroad will use the property in laying out its new freight terminal.

## CLEVELAND MAKES PLEA FOR FRANK

**City Council Asks Georgia's Governor to Intervene for Condemned Man.**

**Petition Wants Executive to See Fair Trial is Granted.**

Members of the city council last night signed a petition to Gov. John Marshall Slaton of Georgia asking him to aid in procuring a new trial for Leo M. Frank of Atlanta, sentenced to death on the charge of murder.

The petition which was signed by President W. F. Thompson and twenty-two other members of council, declares it the duty of all persons to intervene in behalf of justice and points out that the several courts hearing the case have expressed the opinion the evidence was insufficient to warrant a verdict of guilty.

Word was received from Atlanta yesterday that Federal Judge Newman had declined to grant a certificate stating that in his opinion there was probable cause for an appeal to the United States supreme court. Habeas corpus proceedings recently were to bring the Frank case before the federal court.

The petition signed by twenty-three of the twenty-six members of the Cleveland city council reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all persons at all times to intervene in behalf of justice and for the preservation of the faith of the people of this country and the integrity of its courts and the sanctity of human life; and

Whereas Leo M. Frank of Atlanta has been convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of one Mary Phagan; and

Whereas a careful review of the testimony and the evidence introduced at the trial of said Frank seem to warrant the view that the shocking character of the crime in question may have forced conclusions that the testimony did not warrant; and

Whereas the several courts hearing said case and reviewing the same have all expressed the opinion that the evidence introduced in the trial of the said Leo M. Frank was insufficient upon which to predicate a verdict of guilt; and

Whereas the laws of the state of Georgia do not provide for a further hearing or adjudication by any of the courts thereof; and

Whereas the only possible action which can save the said Leo M. Frank an opportunity to procure a just adjudication of the charge against him is by the intervention of the governor of the state of Georgia;

Therefore we, the members of the council of the city of Cleveland, state of Ohio, do hereby respectfully petition John Marshall Slaton, governor of the state of Georgia, that he exercise in behalf of Leo M. Frank the fair name of the state of Georgia and the true southern spirit of fair people and justice; his executive clemency, that he use such means and authority in his power necessary to procure for Leo M. Frank a new trial and a fair and unbiased opportunity to defend himself in the courts of the state of Georgia.

highest tribunal. This they intend to do.

"I am willing to allow the appeal, but I cannot give a certificate of probable cause for the same," said Judge Newman.

Attorney General Grice and Solicitor Dorsey contended the state supreme court's ruling on Frank's right to have been in the court room when the verdict was returned was a matter involving state practice, having been upheld by the United States supreme court. They contended the matter was presented in the habeas corpus petition to delay the execution of the state court's judgment.

## BACKS STRAY DOG ACT

**Council Body Favors Prohibiting Running at Large.**

Approval of the ordinance to prohibit the running-at-large of stray dogs came from the council committee on health and sanitation at a public meeting in the city clerk's office yesterday, following a heated debate between friends and opponents of the measure.

Pounding the table with his clenched fist, Councilman W. L. Wagner, whose daughter was bitten recently by a stray dog, declared that rather than permit any parent to endure the agony of mind which he has suffered he would have every dog in Cleveland killed.

The ordinance was returned to the council last night with a number of amendments and placed on second reading. The committee removed from the ordinance the clause which gave the city employee in charge of the pound or detention place for dogs the right to give away any animal that is not claimed within a certain period. All dogs not called for within ten days are to be killed.

Health Commissioner C. E. Ford reported at yesterday's meeting that nineteen dog biting cases have been reported at the health office since Saturday noon.



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## What Council Did Monday Evening

Here's the business transacted by council Monday night:

Received but took no action on report of labor committee and Employment Commissioner Hennessy saying there are 61,000 unemployed here and recommending plans to find them employment.

Killed Townes resolution requiring all suburban cars to stop at regular street car stops.

Killed Gahn resolution providing inquiry into probable cost of downtown subway terminals.

Gave dog-regulating ordinance second reading.

Received resolution by Rolf asking street car fare from Nottingham to Cleveland be reduced from 8 to 5 cents.

Requested mayor to name committee of 15 to recommend plan for revision of Ohio tax laws.

Approved committee report clearing Street Cleaners baseball team of charge of professionalism.

Received report from Server Sidlo saying Nickel-plate grade elimination will be started as

early in spring as weather permits.

Sidetracked investigation of charge hospital group buildings are endangered by quicksand by referring to charities and corrections committee resolution asking probe.

Asked mayor to request Big Four to establish station at W. 65th-st and Clark-av.

Received communication from socialists asking council action toward finding work for the unemployed.

Voted naming of committee to report on cause of explosion at 11616 Madison-av, Dec. 14, in which 10 lives were lost, chair naming councilmen Meyers, Votava and Kalina.

Sidetracked resolution by Townes, asking appointment of committee to investigate bonded indebtedness of city.

Voted to maintain present routing of W. 14th-st cars, as recommended by Tractioner Witt.

## COUNCIL AIDS FRANK

Twenty-three members of city council Monday night signed a petition urging a new trial for Leo M. Frank of Atlanta, under death sentence there for the murder of Mary Phagan. Similar petitions have been circulated in many cities.

The petitioners charge Frank was not given a fair trial. Federal Judge Newman at Atlanta Monday refused to certify Frank's appeal to the United States supreme court.

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## NO, COUNCILMEN WON'T DINE OVER CHADSEY PAY

Council finance and appropriations committees are at loggerheads with the Chamber of Commerce sanitation committee over cutting \$600 off the \$1,800 salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation. Committee members have refused to dine at the chamber and talk the matter over.

Thomas C. Wellsted, 6801 Euclid avenue, an assistant secretary of the chamber, extended the invitation late Monday. The decision to refuse it was unanimous.

"There is no need of going over to the Chamber of Commerce, dining on the organization's board and talking the salary cut over," Councilman Moylan, member of the finance committee, declared Tuesday. "The committees decided Miss Chadsey is worth only \$1,200. The meetings were open. No one was denied an opportunity to be heard."

"Further, there will be an open meeting next Tuesday to determine whether the city shall issue another \$765,000 in emergency notes or cut city service to the bone. If the chamber then wants to oppose the cut representatives will be given a chance to talk."

Several times this year council committees have clashed with the chamber on matters in which Miss Chadsey figured, especially the proposed tenement code.

## NAME COUNCILMEN TO CONDUCT GAS PROBE

Tuesday's developments in the aftermath of the gas explosion at 11616 Madison avenue, that cost 10 lives a week ago Monday, were the beginning of a council investigation and the filing in probate court of a \$20,000 claim for "damages for wrongful death," by Jacob Mehr, 5706 Stone avenue, administrator of the estate of the Piatka family, every member of which—father, mother and four children—was wiped out by the blast.

Council President Thompson named Councilmen Kalina, Meyers, Reynolds, Dittrick and Votava a committee to investigate the cause of the explosion. It is expected they will meet shortly after Christmas.



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## OFFICIALS TO RESTRICT NEW CITY BOND ISSUES

Bond issues authorized by the city council the coming year will be limited to paying, sewers and other street improvements, it was practically decided at a meeting of the council committee on finance with Mayor Baker, yesterday. The city has a bond leeway of approximately \$1,000,000 by vote of the council.

Possibilities of holding a special election to submit bond issues for extending Carnegie avenue and establishing district garbage and rubbish collection stations were discussed, but no definite action taken.

The policy of the city in issuing bonds and the administration of the sinking fund was severely criticized in recent bulletins of the Civic League.

The council committees on taxes and assessments and finance are now considering a resolution by Councilman Townes asking for the appointment of a special committee to outline plans for decreasing the city's indebtedness.

## ARCHITECT TO TESTIFY IN QUICKSANDS PROBE

Architect M. B. Vorce, whose power house plans for City Hospital buildings were rejected, will testify before the city council committee, investigating charges that quicksand endangers hospital buildings.

Vorce, in a letter to the city board of control, said he had made provision for the existence of quicksand, in his plans for power buildings.

### Witt Circulates Petitions.

Circulation of nomination petitions was started by Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, yesterday. Signatures of 2,500 electors are required, and the petitions must be filed with the board of elections forty days prior to the election in November.

## COUNCIL BLAST PROBE WILL START THURSDAY

Councilmanic investigation of the explosion which wrecked the apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue, and cost ten lives, is to be started tomorrow.

## WITT FIRES FIRST MAYORALTY SHOT

Street Railway Commissioner  
Sends Democrats Petitions  
for Circulation.

Question of Indorsement is  
Put Up Squarely to  
Organization.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Democrats closely identified with their party's county organization, which has made no indorsement with respect to next year's campaign, were among those who yesterday received petitions bearing the name of Peter Witt, street railway commissioner, as a candidate for mayor.

Although the year of the next election has not been born, the issuing of petitions by Mr. Witt was the firing of the first shot in the 1915 municipal campaign. Only about sixteen petitions went out yesterday, but others are to be put in circulation by Mr. Witt at an early date.

The organization Democrats who received petitions thereby had put squarely up to them the question of their position with reference to the commissioner's candidacy. Conspicuous among them was City Clerk R. E. Collins, and his comment was fairly illustrative of the attitude expressed by other organization Democrats when they learned Witt nominating papers had been issued.

"It is nearly a year until the election," said Mr. Collins. "I do not know whether I will circulate the petition. The organization has not acted yet, and so I'm not acting yet. If it is decided that Mr. Witt is the organization candidate, I'll be for him, without reservation."

Mayor Newton D. Baker did not say whether he would sign a Witt petition. Neither did W. B. Gongwer, organization leader.

County Clerk E. B. Haserodt, discussed as a possible mayoralty entry, said he was not signing petitions at this time.

An indication yesterday was that T. L. Sidlo, director of public service, likely would have an active hand in the Witt campaign. Mr. Sidlo obtained the first Witt petitions at the board of elections headquarters. He formerly was the commissioner's secretary.

It is understood that when more papers are sent out by the Witt forces, additional active organization Democrats will receive some of them, among them J. Martin Thumm, member of the Democratic county executive committee.

"I'll sign one as quick as I get it," Mr. Thumm asserted last evening.

The committee is to meet soon after the first of the year. The fact that Witt petitions are out may cause organization leaders to determine definitely at that meeting what their attitude is to be with respect to the mayoralty fight.

Mr. Witt's petitions are to be followed at an early date by those of Harry L. Davis. Mr. Davis said yesterday his petitions are being printed now, and will be in circulation after the first of the year.

So, at this unusually early date, the mayoralty situation continues to develop daily. Early forecasts predict a bumper crop of politics for Cleveland in 1915.

## CITY HEADS DECIDE NEW BOND ISSUES

Set Urgent Cleveland Needs  
for Improvements at  
Million Dollars.

Carnegie-av. Extension and  
Garbage Stations  
Held Up.

New bond issues amounting to \$1,000,000 were proposed for the year 1915 at a conference of city officials yesterday.

The conference was attended by Mayor Baker, Finance Director Thomas Coughlin and the council committee on finance. As a result of the discussion ordinances authorizing these bond issues will be introduced in council Monday evening.

Six hundred thousand dollar bonds to cover the city's share of new paving and sewer work.

Two hundred thousand dollar fire department bonds to reimburse the water department for expenditures in connection with the erection of the downtown high-pressure station.

Forty-six thousand dollars to purchase the Barker property on St. Clair-av N. E. for mall purposes.

Fifteen thousand dollar park bonds for a downtown motor boat harbor west of E. 9th-st.

Park bond issues for the purchase of land needed to complete the Edgewater-Brookside boulevard were also favored. It was suggested that funds for a number of minor projects be allowed, but the entire bond leeway of \$1,044,000 will not be used by the council. A balance of \$40,000 or \$50,000 will be permitted to remain.

No funds will be allowed for establishing garbage collection stations as recommended by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. It was asserted funds would not be available for the Carnegie-av S. E. extension.

If a special election is called during

## BLASTS HOPE OF JOBLESS

City Council Delay Halts Bureau  
Work, Says Official.

Failure of city council to take definite action on unemployment submitted at Monday night's meeting will halt efforts to find places for the thousands of unemployed here, said Supt. W. F. Hennessy of the state-city free employment bureau yesterday.

"The council merely referred the report," said Supt. Hennessy yesterday. "I don't know what will become of the department if the city finally decides not to co-operate with the state. Thus far the city has allowed no funds and there was an understanding there would be co-operation in 1915."

Councilman J. W. Reynolds said yesterday he believes the department should be allowed city funds.

## ROADS' MERGER MAY MEAN MORE DELAY ON DEPOT

Added delay in the coming to Cleveland's new Union station on the lake front at the foot of East 3d street was seen by councilmen Wednesday as a result of the merger of the Lake Shore and the New York Central lines and the announcement that many of the Lake Shore's 1,200 Cleveland employees will be moved.

Latest station plans, as drawn by Chicago architects, call for six stories in the interior of the station—although the facade shows only two—to house Pennsylvania and Lake Shore employees. Lake Shore officials told Mayor Baker and councilmen early last summer that the Cleveland employees would be housed in the new station and that a great amount of space would be needed.

"If most of the 1,200 workers are taken from Cleveland the road will not need so much space in the new station," said Councilman J. E. Smith Wednesday. "That may necessitate new interior plans and, of course, further delay. Both roads should make known to the city their intentions on the station proposition."

Councilman McGinty, however, Wednesday refused to take as final the statement that many employees are to leave. He said similar announcements in the past have failed to bear fruit.

## CHIEFS BOARD WITT'S WAGON

Traction Commissioner Peter Witt's mayoralty campaign still was progressing without a manager Wednesday despite the fact that petitions have been put in circulation. Reports at City Hall that Service Director Sidlo, formerly Witt's secretary, finally had agreed to boom Witt, met with denials from Sidlo himself.

"At Witt's request I went to the board of elections and procured some blank petitions," Sidlo said. "But as to managing his campaign he has said nothing to me yet; neither will I approach him, because that is a personal affair of his. I have always been for Peter, and have signed a petition."

Many prominent City Hall Democrats who have been noncommittal since Witt's announcement he is in the race committed themselves Wednesday. Safety Director Benesch said he was for Witt. So did Welfare Director Cooley. Assistant Law Director Hostetler said he hadn't yet made up his mind. Utilities Director Stage is known to be for Witt. City Clerk Collins said he would sign no petitions until later.



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## URGES CHARTER WELFARE PLAN TO SAVE WASTE

Failure of city council to organize the recreation department as provided by the new charter, resulted Wednesday in a meeting of the advisory committee of the city welfare department to frame a definite plan, in the spirit of the charter, for all recreational activities in 1915.

The scheme of George A. Bellamy, head of Hiram house; Rev. Worth M. Tippy, pastor of Epworth Memorial church; Dr. E. A. Peterson, school medical inspector, and other members of the committee, is to transfer all recreation activities from the welfare department to the service department.

Recreation Commissioner Black now has charge only of the playground exercises and management of the muni orchestra.

All such activities as sports, beaches, skating, etc., as well as care of park play apparatus, are managed by the park division of the department of public service.

### Backed by Chamber.

The scheme of reorganization has the backing of chamber of commerce public recreation committee and of Welfare Director Cooley.

Council's do-nothing attitude on recreation has brought on the following conditions:

A greater part of last summer, while council was wrangling over who should be appointed recreation commissioner, the playgrounds were closed.

Salaries and time of park employees wasted in frequent clashes over who should handle apparatus.

Work of playground supervisors and park employees often duplicated.

Social centers in schools given setback because city did not proceed with recreation work as charter provides.

Paying recreation commissioner \$3000 for year, and

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## URGES CHARTER PLAN OF WELFARE WORK

giving him only the muni orchestra to manage.

No definite plans, as far as council is concerned, for 1915.

Cooley unqualifiedly said Thursday that recreation work has suffered.

A complete airing of the duties of the employees in the park department is expected to be made when the reorganization plan reaches council.

This will show the city spends thousands annually for labor in one way or another connected with sports. The advisory committee will try to show that much of this money is wasted.

F. C. Alber, park superintendent, gets \$3500 a year. Some of his time is devoted to sports.

### What McGinty Does.

M. J. McGinty, sports director, at \$1800 a year, in summer designates on what grounds baseball games shall be played; in winter skating is practically his only worry.

Walter L. Jackson, a clerk, at \$900 a year, devotes about half his time to sports affairs.

Frank Patterson, secretary to Alber, at \$1800 a year, helps Alber.

Otto Kopl, who gets \$1000; Miss Agnes Scotland, \$840, and several members of the park engineering department, help along in the sports work.

The welfare advisory committee believes considerable money thus devoted to salaries might be applied to actual recreational work if its plan goes through.

## WITT MAY MAKE TAX REFORM HIS PLANK

Tractioner Witt, mayoralty candidate, in a speech at a single-tax dinner at Weber's restaurant Tuesday night in honor of David Gibson, publisher of the Ground Hog, tax reform weekly, indicated that taxation of land values may be a principal plank of the platform on which he will seek office.

"Reform in taxation is the only thing worth talking about," said Witt. "The people are robbed infinitely more through unjust tax laws than through grafting politicians."

## FAVORS EXTENSION OF CITY OWNERSHIP

Municipal Reference Librarian Will Cite to Council What is Being Accomplished in Other Places.

Many municipal ownership enterprises have been overlooked by Cleveland.

The city council will be brought to

### RESIST CITY FEE MEASURE

Cleveland Employment Agents Oppose Proposed Ordinance.

An ordinance regulating private employment agencies and requiring the payment of annual license fees ranging from \$50 to \$200, will be introduced in council Monday night by Councilman William Tack.

Representatives of the employment agencies announced at a public meeting of the council committee on licenses and assessments yesterday that they were opposed to the measure. In their opinion the state regulations cover the ground. Attorney Virgil J. Terrell argued against the ordinance. Councilman David Moylan asserted that the measure as drawn is unconstitutional, but added that city regulations should be put in force.

a realization of this fact at a meeting early next year on receiving a communication from Miss Ada M. McCormick, municipal reference librarian, pointing to works in the new city hall reference library descriptive of the activities of other cities.

Miss McCormick has books telling of the municipally owned tenements of the cities of Germany, municipal slaughter houses, theaters, pawnshops, forests which yield large revenues, poultry yards, universities and fire insurance departments.

The reference librarian also has works showing the methods used in the management of municipal savings banks and telling of the latest welfare activities of cities of Europe. One German city council has passed an ordinance providing for training girls to be housewives.

City Clerk Richard E. Collins said yesterday that the proposed plan would be received with favor.

## PUT CITY PROBLEM UP TO CANDIDATES

Council Committees Invite Two Mayoralty Aspirants to Discuss Finance.

Ask Witt and Davis to Give Views Before Public Meeting.

Two mayoralty candidates and nineteen civic and business organizations were invited yesterday by council committees on appropriations and finance to attend a meeting in the council chamber Tuesday afternoon to receive suggestions as to handling the financial problem which confronts the city.

Each organization and the two candidates are requested to give advice on the following alternative propositions:

Shall the city borrow \$950,000 to meet operating expense for 1915?

Shall the city further eliminate operating expense to the extent of \$950,000, and if so, what departments shall be cut?

Copies of the amended appropriation ordinance containing the cuts from the budget estimates were sent with the invitations and those organizations which will not be represented at the meeting are expected to make known their opinion through communications. The two mayoralty candidates asked to attend are Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis.

The Chamber of Commerce subcommittee on budget met yesterday to consider city finances. Yesterday afternoon Mayor Newton D. Baker met with the Chamber of Commerce committee on municipal art and architecture to discuss the advisability of the appointment of a city plan commission. None has been named, although an ordinance was passed by the council some time ago authorizing the appointment of such a body.

"It all resolves itself into a question of finances," said the mayor. "The lack of funds might be given as the city's reason for not proceeding with this work."

Organizations invited to attend the public meeting follow:

Advertising club, Builders Exchange,

Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland Real Estate Board, Cleveland Auto club, Chamber of Industry, Cleveland Association of Credit Men, Cleveland Retail Credit Men's association, Cleveland Chamber of Progress, Cleveland Polish-American Chamber of Industry, Cleveland East End Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland Federation of Labor, Cleveland Improvement league, Cleveland Retail Grocers' association, Employers' association, National Paving Brick Manufacturers, Pavers' exchange, West Twenty-fifth Street Business Men's association, West End Business Men's association.



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## CHAMBER AGAIN URGES CITY PLANNING BOARD

Members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the committee on municipal art and architecture yesterday met with Mayor Baker to again urge upon him the appointment of a city planning commission at an early date.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to appoint the commission within thirty days was passed by the council May 11, 1914. Baker contends the condition of the city's finances has prevented the appointment of the commission.

## COUNCIL PROBES HEAR PHONE SERVICE PROTEST

Telephone service supplied by the Cleveland Telephone Company was severely criticized by Dr. W. I. Gordon, 2236 E. 105th street, before the council committee on telephones and telegraphs yesterday.

Dr. Gordon charged operators with inefficiency and declared that he had been compelled to pay for telephone service that had not been furnished. Charges were denied by officials of the telephone company. The matter was referred to Director of Public Service Sidlo for adjustment.

## LIQUOR ISSUES TO PLAY PART IN COUNCIL FIGHT

Wet and dry issues will play a prominent part in the campaign for the election of ward councilmen next year, in the opinion of present members of the city council.

The liquor phase is expected to be heightened by the non-partisan preferential ballot on which candidates will run.

Full control of saloon closing at night rests with the city council. A plan is now on foot to extend the closing ordinance from midnight until 1 o'clock. Prospective candidates at next fall's election will be sounded on closing regulations.

## WILL FIGHT FOR CITY'S CONTROL OF JOB OFFICES

Councilmen said Thursday that regulation of private employment agencies by ordinance, instead of by state law only, is assured in 1915.

Despite a hard fight on an ordinance to be given a second reading Monday night, the measure will go through, Councilmen Meyers, Reynolds, Moyland and others predicted.

These are the clauses in the ordinance, Employment Commissioner Hennessy said, that have aroused the opposition of private agencies:

A card must be issued to each applicant showing the number of hours applicant will be expected to work daily and the minimum pay.

Refunds shall be paid applicants if work is not furnished.

The maximum fee of \$2 shall not be charged those who are furnished work lasting only a few hours.

### Charges Lobby Fund Raised.

State Industrial Commissioner Hammond said the tentative ordinance by Cleveland has been approved by the attorney general. Hammond also said it has been reported to him that employment bureaus here are seeking to force Hennessy out of the employment bureau and that a fund for lobbying against the measure has been raised.

Hennessy drew the ordinance on the basis of ordinances and laws in 26 states. At a council committee hearing late Wednesday he said the measure will put a stop to speculation in idle men and women.

## NORVELL IS URGED TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Friends of Harry D. Norvell, president of the City ice delivery company, were urging Norvell Thursday to make the race for the republican nomination as mayor. But Norvell says he won't run.

Norvell has been a Cleveland resident for 25 years. Years ago he drove an ice wagon. Now he is president of a \$2,000,000 company.

A. L. Dix, fifty-nine, retired, Thursday announced his candidacy for mayor. He is a democrat and lives at the Weddell House. He advocated the wets in the recent campaign.

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## AGREE POWERHOUSE SITE IS NOT SAFE

Council charities and corrections committee members Thursday inspected the site of the proposed powerhouse for the new City hospital group and were convinced there was a bed of quicksand beneath. No action will be taken until Architect Myron B. Vorce and city architects have testified before the committee.

Vorce has charged that acceptance of his plans for the powerhouse would have obviated much of the present difficulty. Charities Commissioner Vining claims \$11,000 is being saved by rejecting Vorce's plans.

## WITT REFUSES, DAVIS ACCEPTS COUNCIL BID

Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, will decline, and Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, will accept council's invitation to appear at city hall, Dec. 29, and tell council appropriations committee what expenditures to provide and what to eliminate in 1915.

The invitation was extended late Wednesday.

"What council does now isn't any of my business," Witt said Thursday. "But I'll have been elected mayor a year from now, and I'll be on hand then helping to regulate city finances."

"I'll be there," Davis said. "All running expenses of the city are too high. I will have a definite plan for reducing expenses in 1915."



Friday

Plain Dealer

Dec. 25.

## BAKER'S DECISION REVIVES AMATEUR BOXING GAME HERE

Mayor's Negative Answer to  
Pros. Brings Simon-Pures  
Back to Life.

MAROTTA, KOFRON AND  
C. A. C. STAGE TOURNEYS

Annual State Tournament is  
Expected to be Larger  
Than Ever.

When Mayor Baker decided not to provide professional boxing as an entertainment for the sporting public of the Sixth City, the amateur game rebounded from its former low level and is with us again, stronger than ever. Most of the promoters who handle the simon-pures as an attraction have arranged some excellent shows which are to take place in the near future.

Next Monday at the C. A. C. the local champions in all classes will meet the star team from the Pittsburgh A. A., the same team, by the way, that administered five defeats to Johnny Lavack's string last Saturday night. Tuesday night Barney Kofron will stage an all star show at his club.

Then comes a lull, Sol. Laurie having scheduled his next bouts for Jan. 1 of the new year. Charley Marotta will hold his third annual Ohio state tourney on two nights, Jan. 7 and 11. This program is an exceptionally complete one and the sporting fan who enjoys a good contest should have no trouble in satisfying his appetite, the real danger lying in the fact that so many shows may forfeit the tastes.

Charley Marotta's tourney is the third of the annual affairs and they have gained fame throughout all parts of Ohio. In fact the down-state promoters look for Charley's winners when it comes to pick boys for the preliminaries and semi-finals for their shows and most of the boys now going over the short route entered the boxing game in one of Marotta's tourneys.

Judging by the size of the entry list at present, the coming show will be bigger and better than ever. Ted Myers, who participated in last year's show, has entered a large number of performers from Barberton, and Art Simms, the Akron promoter, has also promised to have a team representing the Rubber City. Sport Promoter Everett of Ravenna will also enter a string.

The prizes, diamond studded gold medals for first and second places, are the most attractive that have ever been given in any amateur tournament in these parts.

Matt Hinkel will referee the contests on both nights, while the judges will be selected from a list of out-of-town sporting writers.

Championships will be contested in the following divisions: 108 pounds, 115 pounds, 125 pounds, 135 pounds, 145 pounds, 158 pounds and the heavyweight division.

All entries must be registered with the Amateur Athletic association.

## DAVIS WILL RUSH CAMPAIGN PLANS

Mayoralty Candidate Ar-  
ranges Preliminary Work  
Early in Season.

Christmas Spirit Mixes in  
Harmony With Politi-  
cal Gossip.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With the Christmas spirit prevailing, and men in politics discussing gifts and shopping lists rather than affairs incidental to government, there still was time yesterday for a bit of holiday political talk.

Harry L. Davis will begin to draw the lines for his mayoralty campaign earlier than had been expected.

It developed definitely yesterday that Mr. Davis will wage his 1915 campaign just as he did his 1913 effort against Mayor Newton D. Baker.

There is to be another Davis committee of 100, and letters will be sent out by the candidate next week to the men he wants as committeemen, asking them to serve. Mr. Davis also will start next week to confer nightly with precinct committeemen of the wards, calling representatives of three wards to his office each night.

Davis petitions are to be delivered to the candidate by printers Monday, and Mr. Davis will put them in circulation immediately. He has decided not to wait until after the first of the year, and will inaugurate the distribution of his nominating papers in the midst of the holidays.

The Davis committee of 100, after it has been selected, will choose its own chairman. It is understood Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald will be given opportunity to accept the chairmanship if he wants it. He managed the 1913 Davis campaign.

Congressman William Gordon yesterday mailed to the postmaster general at Washington recommendation of W. A. Ault of Wadsworth, Medina county, for postmaster at Wadsworth. The term of the incumbent expires Jan. 23.

Cyrus W. Locher, county prosecutor, has been invited to speak at the annual Jackson day banquet at Wooster, O., the evening of Jan. 8. His subject will be "Woodrow Wilson and Democracy."

This event will be the sixtieth consecutive celebration of Jackson day by Democrats of Wooster and Wayne county. Another speaker is to be Gov. E. B. McCleary of Kentucky. The committee which invited Mr. Locher consists of W. K. Weygandt, W. G. Whitaker, Ed S. Wertz, A. H. Elbing and A. D. Metz.

It was announced yesterday that Abraham Lincoln Dix, Democrat, inventor, whose home is at the Weddell house, will be a candidate for mayor. Mr. Dix has lived in Cleveland twenty-three years, according to the announcement of his candidacy, which was sent out by Charles Hall, 417 Engineers building, who will manage the candidate's campaign.

Board of elections employees ex-

changed Christmas greetings and joke Christmas gifts yesterday afternoon.

Henry J. Hertel was master of ceremonies and presented the gifts. For Clerk W. B. Gongwer there was a toy steam roller that ran backward and forward when wound. T. L. McDonough, member of the board, received an alphabet with the admonition to "mind his P's and Q's." Everybody was remembered, and the loudest shout went up when John Wolf was handed a box of odorous limburger, with a card that said "I'm awfully strong for you."

## WITT DECLINES INVITATION

Mayoralty Candidate Refuses to At-  
tend Budget Meeting.

Peter Witt, candidate for mayor said yesterday he would not accept the city council's invitation to attend the public meeting in the council chamber Tuesday for consideration of the budget for 1915.

"I have no direct interest in the matter at this time," he said. "A year from now, as mayor-elect I will be interested."

At the suggestion of Mayor Baker, City Clerk R. E. Collins forwarded an invitation to the Civic league yesterday. "We neglected to send this organization an invitation to the meeting through an oversight," said the city clerk. "The league was not on the mailing list and I did not notice it until the mayor pointed it out today."

## LIFT BLAME FROM GAS

Councilmen Think Liquid Caused West  
Side Blast.

In the opinion of members of the city council committee who yesterday commenced an investigation of the explosion in the Madison-av N. W. flat that resulted in the death of ten persons, natural gas was not the cause of the disaster.

"Some explosive in the form of a liquid was poured into the sewer, in my opinion," said Chairman P. V. Kalina of the special council committee. "The sewer is burned out in three places, but the gas meters are scarcely damaged," he continued.

Councilman J. E. Votava also expressed the belief that gas did not cause the explosion.

"We interviewed Harry Kaner, the boy who escaped injury," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. He says that gas was escaping for some days and that it caused his head to ache. We are going to call Saturday on the little boy's father at German hospital."



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# FOUNDATION TO AID CITY'S UNEMPLOYED

## FOUNDATION TO AID JOBLESS IN CRISIS

mittee. Accomplishment of material results in the next two weeks is the goal. Director Burns is to place his staff of experts on the problem.

Burns may use an employment report made by W. F. Hennessy, commissioner of employment, and a business survey recently completed by the chamber of commerce industrial committee, as the basis for his relief plans.

Both reports made these recommendations for the creation and finding of work:

Hiring of men by city and county to do work now which ordinarily would be held up till spring.

Cutting down of working hours in factories and shops to give a larger force of employees a chance to earn enough to live on.

Employment of men and women by families or neighborhood clubs to do every bit of work possible in the way of beating rugs,

## Survey Committee Pledges Services in Planning Solution of Jobless Problem; Will Ask Council for Bureau Funds.

The survey committee of the Cleveland foundation is to turn its full strength to the task of working out a way to find jobs through which the unemployed in Cleveland may earn a living.

Definite plans for quick action on relieving the plight of the jobless, who need work instead of charity, will be formed at once after Allen T. Burns, survey director, returns from New York, probably Monday.

This announcement was made in response to the suggestion made by The Press Thursday that Cleveland needs the services of the foundation in its employment crisis.

### To Appeal to Council.

The first step planned by the committee is to ask the appropriation committee of council for continuation and enlargement of the work of the state-city free employment bureau.

A subcommittee of three—A. D. Baldwin, James R. Garfield and Thomas G. Fitzsimons—are to attend the appropriation committee meeting Tuesday, at which the proposed elimination of the city's \$4176 share in the maintenance of the bureau is to be discussed. "We feel that it is up to the city to aid by keeping up its end on the employment bureau," said Bascom Little, member of the survey committee.

Mayor Baker supported the survey committee strongly in its demand that the employment bureau not only be maintained, but be given more money with which to work.

"There isn't any question that the city's unemployed need quick relief," said Baker. "They need jobs, not charity. The state-city bureau work ought to be carried on, whether it costs \$4000 or \$10,000. These men and women out of work must be kept from starving."

### "Quick Action" is Slogan.

Co-operation of the chamber of commerce with the survey committee of the foundation was assured by Munson Havens, chamber secretary, Thursday. The industrial committee of the chamber is already at work on the employment problem.

"Quick action" is to be the battle cry of the survey com-

## TIMMNER URGES \$1,000,000 FUND FOR ORCHESTRA

Proposes That Music-Lovers Donate Interest on Their Savings for Next Five Years.

## ASKS ANOTHER MILLION FOR SUITABLE HALL

Director Also Discusses With Mayor Advisability of Increasing Organization.

Herr Christiaan Timmner, director of the Cleveland Municipal Symphony Orchestra, has offered a plan to Mayor Baker whereby an endowment fund of \$1,000,000, for maintenance of the orchestra, shall be raised by music lovers of the city.

He proposes that they donate the interest on their savings for the next five years. In addition he urges that \$1,000,000 be spent for erection of a municipal music hall.

His plan for creation of an endowment proved a success in Amsterdam, Holland, his former home, Timmner says. The Cleveland orchestra, he declared to the mayor, needs an income of at least \$50,000 a year.

"The Cleveland orchestra needs at least seventy-five or eighty players," said he. "We want the best musicians and we want a fine music hall. The campaign for the hall should be begun at once."

"The orchestra should be supported by the people. It should be a people's orchestra. It could be managed by the people through the board of trustees."

The Cleveland orchestra is at present the only one of its kind in the country, employing women musicians.

There are two here, Miss Louise Lincoln, first violinist, and Miss Margaret Jiskra, harpist. Members of the City Club have reserved seats for the concert at the Hippodrome tomorrow.

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## PEOPLE MAY VOTE ON CITY FINANCES

Citizens Likely to be Given  
Deciding Power in Money  
Problem.

Special Election to Pass on  
Loan Question Will be  
Proposed.

Citizens of Cleveland may be asked to decide at a special election whether or not the city shall borrow \$1,000,000 to meet the operating expenses of the city government for 1915.

City Finance Director Thomas Coughlin announced yesterday that he will suggest at the public meeting in the city council chamber Tuesday afternoon that the people be given an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing deficiency bonds to meet the present financial situation. The plan is favored by Chairman William Rolf of the council committee on appropriations.

If a special election is decided upon the appropriation ordinance would probably be passed in its present form at the council meeting Jan. 11. If the bond issue is not approved the ordinance would be amended. Operating expenses of city departments would have to be cut to the extent of \$1,000,000. The question of issuing bonds to care for city paving may be put up to the people at the same time.

The bond leeway by vote of the council will permit Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo to expend merely \$600,000 for all new sewer and paving work in 1915. Councilman William Stolte will ask that the people be authorized to vote on a bond issue for the extension of Carnegie-av S. E. and Councilman Harry C. Gahn will ask that a bond issue for the extension of Central-av S. E. and for the elimination of the Central and Quincy-av S. E. grade crossings of the Pennsylvania be submitted at the same election.

Mayor Newton D. Baker believes if it is determined that \$1,000,000 should be borrowed to continue the operation of city departments on their present scale, the council should then decide first of all whether an appropriation should be allowed for the enlargement of the state-city free employment bureau work. In the opinion of the mayor the work of this bureau is of fundamental importance this time.

## TIMMNER HAS PLAN TO ENDOW PLAYERS

Proposes Music Lovers Give  
Interest on Savings for  
City Orchestra.

Director Also Urges Million  
Dollars be Spent on  
Concert Hall.

To raise \$1,000,000 as an endowment fund for the perpetual maintenance of the Cleveland Municipal Symphony orchestra, Director Christiaan Timmner has proposed to Mayor Baker that music lovers of Cleveland be urged to donate for this purpose the interest on their savings for the next five years.

Such a plan proved successful in the city of Amsterdam, formerly the home of Director Timmner. The orchestra of that city has an assured income above receipts from concerts that will guarantee its continued existence.

In addition, Director Timmner has urged that \$1,000,000 be expended in the erection of a music hall. The \$2,000,000, in his opinion, would give Cleveland a permanent home for its concerts and other musical events and would create a fund large enough to raise an annual income that would make the orchestra independent.

"We should have an assured income of \$50,000 a year," said Director Timmner yesterday. "The Cleveland orchestra should have seventy-five or eighty members. We want the best players and we want a fine music hall. A city the size of Cleveland should have a great orchestra and a great music hall. In 1915 Cleveland will dedicate a new city hall building and an art museum. The campaign for the music hall should be started without delay."

"Cleveland's municipal symphony

## CITY EMPLOYS GIRL VIOLINIST



LOUISE  
LINCOLN

orchestra should be endowed by the people. As many people as possible should contribute toward the endowment fund. It should be the people's orchestra. A board of trustees could be named to assist in the management of the fund."

Cleveland's symphony orchestra is the only organization of the kind in the country with women members, Director Timmner pointed out. The two women in the orchestra are Miss Louise Lincoln, first violin, and Miss Margaret Jiskra, harpist. Miss Lincoln lives at 60 Terrace-rd, East Cleveland. Mrs. Timmner, wife of the director, was formerly a member of the Amsterdam orchestra.

"I believe every symphony orchestra should have women as well as men for the strings," said Director Timmner. "None of the other American orchestras have women members. The Amsterdam orchestra has ten women musicians."

Tomorrow will be City club day at the municipal symphony orchestra concert at the Hippodrome. Members of the club have reserved a section of the auditorium.

## ASK WM. L. DAVID TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Friends Urge Attorney to Be-  
come Candidate on Re-  
publican Ticket.

Lawyer Doesn't Care to En-  
ter Three-Cornered  
Fight, He Says.

Attorney William L. David of the law firm of Tolles, Hogsett, Ginn & Morley, Williamson building, is being urged by friends and business associates to enter the field as candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor.

At his home, 10404 Lake-av N. W., yesterday, Mr. David said he is considering the proposition, but is not ready to take any definite action one way or the other.

"I came to Cleveland to practice law and had no desire to enter politics," said Mr. David. "Many have asked me to become a candidate, but I would not care to enter a three-cornered fight. I intend to look into the matter thoroughly before I make up my mind."

Mr. David came to Cleveland five years ago. He served several years as prosecutor of Hancock county and attained prominence as special assistant to Attorney General Wade Ellis under the Harmon administration in prosecutions of the Standard Oil Co., and the so-called bridge and ice trusts.

As a result of these legal fights, Mr. David was named as special representative of the federal department of justice in the prosecution of timber land cases in the northwest. For a time he practiced law in the west, coming to Cleveland immediately afterward.

Mr. David was a leader in the recently dropped Cliff drive project on the West Side. With associates from

Ft. Wayne, Ind., he controlled the old M. A. Hanna and Jacob B. Perkins estates which represented about one-quarter of the land involved in the project.

Mr. David is a native of the county claimed as home by former Congressman Ralph D. Cole of Findlay. He comes from the congressional district formerly represented by Governor-elect Frank B. Willis and is reported to be a warm personal friend of Willis.

## MAYOR TO BE CHAIRMAN

Will Head Executive Body of  
Aquarium Association.

Mayor Newton D. Baker has consented to act as chairman of the executive committee of the Cleveland Aquarium association. The executive committee will have twenty members. In addition a citizens' committee of seventy-five will be named at a meeting of the organization Monday night.

City Architect F. H. Betz has been assigned to the preparation of detailed plans for the conversion of the upper portions of the two West Side filtration plant gate houses into aquariums. One structure will be used for the display of fresh water fish and the other for sea fish. Between the two structures will be a large circular pool that will be fitted up as the home of the lions in the summer months. In winter they will be housed in the zoo building at Brookside park where they are kept at present. The estimated cost of fitting up both structures and the outdoor pool is \$100,000.



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## HOLD FAST TO GOOD CITY JOBS

Councilmen who scrutinized city civil service records Saturday were unflinching in predictions that an incoming mayor—whether Republican, or a Democrat out of tune with Mayor Baker's administration—will be bound hand and foot when it comes to removing incumbents from City Hall jobs worth \$2,000 and upwards.

In every instance to date where a well-paid city job has been put under civil service the assistants to the successful commissioner, always a Democrat, have taken the test and ranked one-two-three, making it futile to remove the commissioner and face an appointive list of the same political cast. Councilmen pointed to the purchasing department in particular, where A. R. Callow stood first in the classified service test, and was appointed, and Frank Workman, Callow's first assistant, was second. Down the line in direct succession come Callow's other assistants.

A parallel will be found in the case of James B. Vining, \$3,000 charities commissioner, who must stand a test January 26. Howell Wright, \$3,600 City hospital head; Cheney C. Jones, Humane society head, and W. H. Winans, secretary to Welfare Director Cooley, also plan to "compete" with Vining.

## EX-PROSECUTOR OF OIL KING MAY RUN FOR MAYOR

William L. David, 10404 Lake avenue, attorney with Tolles, Hogsett, Ginn & Morley, Williamson building, Saturday was considering the offer of business associates to back him should he enter the mayoralty campaign next fall.

David, formerly prosecutor of Hancock county and an assistant to the state in prosecuting the famous Standard Oil cases, backed the unsuccessful Cliff drive project last summer.

## BAKER READY TO HELP \$2,000,000 MUSIC FUND

Herr Christiaan Timmer's suggestion that Clevelanders set aside the interest on their savings for the next five years toward a \$1,000,000 municipal orchestra endowment fund and a \$1,000,000 music hall by the city, took well with councilmen Saturday. They merely smiled and said Timmer's over-zealousness made amends. Mayor Baker, however, approved the plan.

"I'm willing to make a start on the fund by giving a modest portion of my savings," he said.

The fund up to Saturday noon still was at zero.

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## EXCHANGE URGES COUNCIL TO KEEP CITY JOB BUREAU

Board of Directors Ask That Appropriation Be Granted for Maintenance of Labor Agency.

HOLD IT VALUABLE TO  
ALL LINES OF TRADE

Medium of Advantage to Employer and Man Looking for Work, Sec. Roberts Points Out.

The board of directors of the Builders' Exchange will recommend to the city council that the appropriation needed for maintaining the city-state free employment exchange for the coming year be granted, notwithstanding adverse action by the appropriations committee on this item. This conclusion was reached at the last meeting of the board when the subject was discussed.

The labor exchange has been largely patronized by building contractors and their workmen and is considered to be a very useful factor in relation to this industry. According to statistics the building trades have been more largely served by the bureau than any other line of business. Both skilled and unskilled workmen have found positions through the medium of the employment office and the results obtained have been considered satisfactory by the directors.

"We feel that the city cannot afford to do away with the free labor exchange," said Secretary Roberts yesterday, "unless it desires to still further handicap the unemployed. When the employment bureau was opened the co-operation of the building trades, both employers and employees, was solicited and the medium has been used as generously as possible to the great advantage of all concerned. We feel that it is better to have such a clearing house where laboring men can find employment to help them to be self-sustaining, rather than to force them to go about the city from place to place seeking work and eventually discouraging them and encouraging the demand for help from the city through other sources.

"It is realized that the city is in dire straits for funds, but under existing conditions there certainly must be some way to secure the comparatively small appropriation needed to sustain the labor bureau without sacrificing this bureau to other activities of less pressing need."

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## FINANCIAL POLICY OF CITY ASSAILED BY HARRY L. DAVIS

Candidate Accepts Invitation of City Clerk Collins to Give Views on Million-Dollar Bond Issue.

THINKS OFFICIALS SHOULD  
SUGGEST ECONOMY PLAN

Says Mayor and Others Should Step Out if They Are Unable to Run Affairs.

The financial policy of the city administration was criticized last night by Harry L. Davis, in a letter to City Clerk Collins, accepting an invitation to contribute his advice to the council committee on appropriations at a meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Davis was invited to discuss the questions as to whether the city shall borrow \$950,000 to meet expenses for 1915 or cut expenses to the extent of \$950,000.

The letter asked Clerk Collins to submit to Mr. Davis data on city payrolls for June and November, 1914; percentage of charge for salaries in each department; comparison of operating expenses of departments during 1912 and 1914; aggregate amount of salaries above \$1,200, outside of fire and police departments, and per capita cost of inmates of city institution for 1914.

### Burden On Mayor.

"Pending receipt of the desired information," the letter says, "I beg to state that the burden of responsibility of operating affairs of the city for the ensuing year without further financial loss rests with the mayor and council, who were elected by the people for the purpose of administering public business.

"Officials of the city government, rather than the public, should suggest a program of economy. An appeal for suggestions from the public will not avoid the plain duty of the executive to insist that expenditures for the year 1915 be so made as to

take care of the present deficit without creating an additional debt.

"I am not in accord with the views of present administration supporters who contend that the city's business has been conducted wisely and economically during the past years. In my opinion, little business judgment has been exercised in public expenditures.

### Real Needs Overlooked.

"The actual results obtained from the enormous sums of public money which have been spent have not been proportionate. The real needs of the city frequently have been subordinated to the pursuit of experiments in government which have proved expensive and of little value.

"In conclusion permit me to suggest that if the mayor and members of the city council feel that they are unable to solve the problem which they have created, they take advantage of the recall provisions of the city charter and give the people a chance to elect officials who have definite ideas and policies in regard to economy in city finances."



## CANDIDATES RUSH CAMPAIGN WORK

**Witt and Davis Ready to  
Push Petition Pre-  
liminaries.**

**Baker Remains Noncom-  
mittal as to Choice  
for Mayor.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt will receive from printers tomorrow additional petitions bearing his name as a candidate for mayor and will begin to put them in circulation at once.

Mr. Witt already has more than a dozen petitions going the round for signatures. Those he obtained at board of elections headquarters last week.

Harry L. Davis also will receive petitions from printers tomorrow, so before the dawn of the new year citizens will have opportunity to sign the nominating papers of two candidates for an election more than ten months in the future.

Mayor Newton D. Baker still is silent on the mayoralty situation and the question of whether he will be for Mr. Witt.

"It's a long time until election," he said yesterday.

There are numerous Republicans who declare it would not be surprising to see petitions displaying the name of Miner G. Norton as a mayoralty candidate in circulation shortly after the first of the year.

The past week seems to have brought Mr. Norton to the verge of candidacy, and in the next week or two it probably will develop whether he intends to run. There is a possibility that committees appointed by three Republican organizations will call on Mr. Norton this week. It is likely the attorney would make known his intention on the occasion of their visit.

Mr. Norton left Cleveland last night for Columbus, where he expects to remain until after the Republican legislative caucus tomorrow.

Word comes from down state that E. L. Lampson of Jefferson has decided definitely to accept the clerkship of the state house of representatives if the Republican caucus at Columbus tomorrow will offer it to him without his having to appear as a candidate for the place.

Mr. Lampson has been urged by conspicuous Ohio Republicans to take the post. Many leading men of his party think his experience would prove valuable to the incoming administration. Mr. Lampson formerly was speaker of the lower house of the assembly, speaker pro tem. of the state senate, was reading clerk of the national house of representatives for thirteen years, and was chosen parliamentarian at the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1912.

Some time ago the Jefferson man asserted he would not take the clerkship. Direct reports now are that he will accept if it is offered him tomorrow.

State representatives-elect of Cuyahoga county probably will meet this week to discuss whom to back for minority floor leader of the lower house, and to consider legislation likely to be introduced in the coming session of the assembly.

## DAVIS SAYS BAKER MIGHT USE RECALL

**Answers Letter Asking Ad-  
vice on Solution of City's  
Financial Problem.**

**Declares Officials Should  
Suggest Program of  
Economy.**

Mayor Newton D. Baker and members of city council should solve the city's financial problem without seeking the suggestions of the general public, according to Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor.

Mr. Davis yesterday expressed this view in a letter to City Clerk R. E. Collins. Mr. Collins had asked the candidate, among other citizens, to contribute advice to the council committee on appropriations.

The candidate, who opposed Mayor Baker for election in November, 1913, also suggests that if the mayor and council "feel unable to solve the problem they have created," they should take advantage of the recall provisions of the city charter and allow the public to elect officials "who have definite ideas and policies in regard to economy in city finances."

The letter to Mr. Collins follows:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst. inviting me to contribute my advice to the council committee on appropriations on the following propositions:

Shall the city borrow \$950,000 to meet operating expenses for the year 1915?

Shall the city eliminate operating expenses for the year 1915 to the extent of \$950,000, and if so, what departments shall be cut?

It is my understanding an answer to your inquiries should be made not later than Dec. 29, which affords little time for a careful study of the appropriation ordinance which was mailed to me under separate cover.

In my opinion the reasons which caused the deficit in the operating expenses of the city during 1914 should have been set forth in your letter. A frank and impartial statement in this respect should be made by those who have conducted the administration of city affairs for the past twelve months. Departments of the city government which exceeded the appropriation made for them in 1914 should be called to public account and definite explanation made by them.

Before attempting to make any specific recommendations to the appropriations committee I would like to have submitted to me the following data:

City pay rolls for months of June and November, 1914.

Percentage of charge for salaries in each department of city government.

Comparison by years of operating expenses of each department during years 1912-1914.

Aggregate amount of salaries above the grade of \$1,200 per annum not including salaries paid to members of the fire department and police force.

Per capita cost of inmates of city institutions for year 1914.

Pending receipt of the desired information I beg to state that the burden of responsibility of operating affairs of the city for the ensuing year without further financial loss rests with the mayor and council who were elected by the people for the purpose of administering public business.

Officials of the city government, rather than the public, should suggest a program of economy. An appeal for suggestions from the public will not avoid the plain duty of the executive to insist expenditures for 1915 be made so as to take care of the present deficit without creating an additional debt.

I am not in accord with the views of present administration supporters, who contend the city's business has been conducted wisely and economically in the past years. In my opinion, little business judgment has been exercised in public expenditures. The actual results obtained from the enormous sums of public money which have been spent have not been proportionate. The real needs of the city have frequently been subordinated to the pursuit of experiments in government which have proved expensive and of little value.

In conclusion, permit me to suggest that if the mayor and members of the city council feel they are unable to solve the problem which they have created, they take advantage of the recall provisions of the city charter and give the people a chance to elect officials who have definite ideas and policies in regard to economy in city finances.

Very respectfully,  
HARRY L. DAVIS.

## Monday Leader TIMMNER NEUTRAL, SHOWS AT CONCERT

Hippodrome Program Includes Airs From All the Warring Nations  
of Europe.

BY ARCHIE BELL.

Just to show that he is neutral Dutch, Herr Timmner seemed to range his program yesterday at the Hippodrome among the warring nations. Not even little Belgium was forgotten, for perhaps little Belgium seems less little to one from Holland, and the British Elgar was arranged against the German Wagner, the Russian Tchaikowsky and French Chabrier were there side by side with the Belgian Lalo, just as if they were jointly training their weapons on the fatherland. It was the Christmas program of the Municipal Symphony Orchestra, doubtless because the "Nutcracker Suite" was played, for there was nothing else about the program with a distinctly holiday flavor.

But it was an ambitious program, still one that has many elements of what goes to make popularity, and the audience, which showed a marked falling off in numbers from recent pop concerts, although this is counted the best time of the entire theatrical year, showed much interest and made ample signs of approval.

The program opened with the overture to Lalo's "Roi d'Ys," a sentimental and colorful composition, which was well performed. There was not enough contrast in the playing of Mendelssohn's "Italian" symphony first movement and the

conductor seemed to be in a hurry to get to the end. The Good Friday spell from "Parsifal" was well played, considering the instruments at the director's command and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" was given in a manner that was doubtless quite approved by Elgar admirers, among whom I do not count myself, although the program declared yesterday that he is the "most representative among English composers, which, on reflection, doesn't seem to be much of a compliment.

Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker" suite is always welcome to any audience, not alone because it is so clever in conception but also in selection. The fascinating little morsels of which it is made will sooner of later suit the fancy of one who listens to the entire suite. The last number was Chabrier's "Spanish Rhapsody," a rhythmical and emotional number, which calls attention to the fact that here is a composer of whom we know too little. For example, there's his "Marche Joyeuse," in which he attempted to be humorous, with the result that he proves a musical composition may be as laughter-compelling as a "Puck" joke.

There will be a concert next Sunday, when a couple of numbers by C. V. Rychlik, a member of the orchestra, will be featured.

## BILL TO ADVANCE SALOON CLOSING HOUR NOW READY

**Marquard Will Introduce Measure  
in Council Tonight if  
Assured Mayor Baker  
Will Not Veto It.**

Legislation extending the closing hour for saloons from midnight to 1 a. m. will be introduced tonight. Councilman Marquard can obtain assurance of Mayor Baker that the measure will not be vetoed.

Marquard will have a conference with the mayor today, and the closing ordinance will be discussed at a caucus of Democratic councilmen the afternoon. Baker has declined to commit himself to the closing ordinance amendment, declaring that it was a legislative matter.

Lively Tilt Foreseen.

Efforts to pass the Durkin ordinance providing for the licensing of dogs are expected to result in a debate at the council meeting.

Councilman Smith, chairman of the committee on sanitation, which proved the measure, says that two votes are pledged for the ordinance. He is making efforts to obtain other two votes necessary to pass the legislation.

An ordinance providing for a minimum wage of \$2.50 for city employees probably will be introduced. The measure was drafted by the Federation of Labor and submitted to Director of Law Stockwell.

Wants Minimum Pay.

Policemen, firemen, attendants at the City Hospital and nurses in training school at the City Hospital are excluded. It also contains a provision to the effect that contracts shall specify that employees on public work must be paid at least a day.

The street railway committee met this afternoon on the Dittick ordinance, requiring all street cars leaving the Public Square to be open as "pay leaves." Cars coming to Square will be "pay as you enter" under the terms of the ordinance. Street Railway Commissioner opposes the plan.



# THE CITY CONCERT

BY PAUL TEICHERT

One of the best selected programs of the season was presented yesterday afternoon at the Hippodrome by the Municipal Symphony orchestra under the direction of Christiaan Timmer.

The overture to Lalo's opera, "Le Roi d'Ys," opened the program. It was repeated from a former concert. Mr. Timmer's idea apparently is to make his auditors more familiar with works that have previously received a hearing at the municipal concerts and to which the public has paid the complimentary of unusual applause. If this is the conductor's intention he is showing excellent judgment for two reasons: The first is a greater familiarity of these works by public and orchestra; the second a more comprehensive and better balanced playing by the members of the city's musical organization. Mr. Timmer brought out the polyphonic character of the first movement of Mendelssohn's A major symphony with fine feeling and understanding. Of the different symphonic movements presented this season yesterday's stands among the best. The "Good Friday Spell" from Wagner's "Parsifal" was not as comprehensive. There

was a cautious feeling for unity in the different sections and an uncertainty as to tone value which further rehearsals might eliminate.

The rhythmic and melodious character of Elgar's march, "Pomp and Circumstance," caught the audience's fancy. The march was repeated. Of the eight movements of Tchaikowski's "Nutcracker" suite the audience demanded four or five repetitions. Among the smaller modern orchestral compositions this work stands in the front rank by reason of its wonderful tonal colors. Each movement represents a miniature picture and is painted with fine feeling as to individuality of character of the different solo instruments skillfully employed for the purpose of representing their relations to each other and in regard to "Klangfarben." Mr. Timmer had done nothing better this season. The work should receive another hearing. Chabrier's Spanish rhapsody closed the program.

To give a municipal symphony concert on Christmas Sunday was a miscalculation. The audience was not as large as on previous Sundays. Over 500 members of the City club attended. Without the presence of this membership the lower floor would have shown many empty seats.

## ENGINE FIRMS THREATEN SPLIT WITH CITY HALL

Four of Biggest Concerns  
Say Engineers Here Are  
Too Particular

CHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ON JOBS ARE EXCESSIVE

Representative of One Manufacturer Has Clash With  
Mayor at Board Meeting

The Wilson & Snyder Pump Company, the Westinghouse Machine Company, the General Electric Company and Henry R. Worthington Company, the four largest turbine, pump and generator building corporations in the world, are on the verge of breaking all relations with Cleveland City Hall because of the manner in which city engineers are drawing up specifications. This was the statement made Monday to board of control members by representatives of the Westinghouse Company.

City engineers, it was charged, are so detailing specifications the long-proved practices of engineers of the four big concerns come for naught, the requirements in many cases are excessive, and as a result the city has paid far more for turbines, pumps and generators because of the variance with their plans and output.

Say City's Too Particular

The first inkling that engineers in the public utility department had antagonized the four companies came when the board considered bids for three turbine-driven, centrifugal pumps, of a total capacity of 260,000,000 gallons, for the new Division avenue pumping station. Only two bids were received, from the Allis Chalmers company, Milwaukee, and the Dravo-Doyle company, Pittsburgh. Both bid the same figure, \$125,000.

Neither the Westinghouse nor the Worthington company put in a bid. Representatives claimed an oil-relay governor demanded for the turbines is unnecessary in such large installations and that details in regard to bearings and other engineering details were such that the concerns could not afford to put in a bid.

"Municipal business all over the country has long been put in the undesirable class," declared Howel Van Blarcon, Westinghouse company representative. "Cleveland lately has done a great deal to remove that impression. However, a few repetitions of specifications such as drawn up for the water works turbines will direct bitter criticism toward the city, and make its engineers the center of attack from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi. Cleveland is going backwards, at its present gait."

## BAKER NEUTRAL ON 1 A. M. BARS

Mayor Baker Monday was undecided on what he would do with Councilman Marquard's proposed resolution before council to keep saloons open until 1 a. m. Baker said he would not encourage any activity along the line of permitting saloons to remain open an extra hour, but he said he had not decided what he will do if Marquard's resolution comes to him for veto or approval.

Marquard was to see Baker Monday and learn his attitude before introducing the 1 o'clock closing resolution. Marquard's proposed resolution will have the support of Councilman McGinty and other Democratic leaders.

Albert Eisle, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association, says there is no general sentiment or demand for an extension of the saloon closing hour to 1 o'clock.

"There are very few saloons that would take advantage of the extra hour," said Eisle. "I have not been asked by any organization to seek an extension of the closing hour."

The Cleveland Brewers' exchange, in a statement issued Monday, also declares there is no demand for the extra hour.

## COUNCIL WILL ACT ON EUCLID-AV LINE

Gets Ordinance Tonight Authorizing Cars for 'Millionaires' Row.'

Question of Dog Licenses to be Settled at Meeting.

First steps toward legislation which will give street cars to "millionaires' row," that section of Euclid-av between E. 40th and E. 22d-sts, will be taken tonight when an ordinance will be introduced at the city council meeting authorizing the building of a street car line on that part of Euclid-av.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo have been obtaining consents from property owners and they say that in a short time they will have the required number.

Commissioner Witt said there is no question that street cars will be operated by July 4, 1915, on that section of Euclid-av which has been exclusive for so long.

Whether dogs in Cleveland must have licenses or go to pound probably will be decided at tonight's council meeting, when the dog ordinance comes up for its third reading. Some organizations in the city have been fighting the proposed law and there may be a fight over the ordinance.

If members of the special council committee which has been investigating the Madison-av N. W. explosion which wrecked an apartment house and killed ten persons, are permitted to interview Henry Haner at German hospital today, a report of the committee probably will be made to council tonight. Councilman P. V. Kalina is chairman. The councilmen hope to get an expression from Mr. Haner before submitting their report.

Councilman Charles Marquard expects to confer with Mayor Newton D. Baker today regarding amended legislation which will permit Cleve-

land to have street cars on that part of Euclid-av between E. 40th and E. 22d-sts.

Euclid-av, 9225-5 rooms for 1 or 2; refer-

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Reasonable. Eddy 8608 M.

E. 101ST, 674-Nice firm, house; all conv.

FURNISHED HOUSES.

MOVING, STORAGE, PACKING, SHIPPING.

PHONE EAGLE STORAGE & MOVING.

### Clashes With Baker

Van Blarcon also charged the Allis-Chalmers company bid on the turbines to "keep in good" with the city because it supplied hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment for the new East 53d street municipal light plant, and must still wait for final acceptance tests. Van Blarcon also said his concern had spent considerable money figuring on installations and is seriously considering withdrawing.

"The three other companies, all large ones, are of the same mind," he said. "It will be a serious day when the four do not deal with the city. The biggest power plants and corpor-

ations in the east accept and install machinery of our construction, but is not held sufficient by Cleveland engineers."

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# THE CITY CONCERT

BY PAUL TEICHERT

One of the best selected programs of the season was presented yesterday afternoon at the Hippodrome by the Municipal Symphony orchestra under the direction of Christiaan Timmer. The overture to Lalo's opera, "Le Roi d'Ys," opened the program. It was repeated from a former concert. Mr. Timmer's idea apparently is to make his auditors more familiar with works that have previously received a hearing at the municipal concerts and to which the public has paid the compliment of unusual applause. If this is the conductor's intention he is showing excellent judgment for two reasons: The first is a greater familiarity of these works by public and orchestra; the second a more comprehensive and better balanced playing by the members of the city's musical organization. Mr. Timmer brought out the polyphonic character of the first movement of Mendelssohn's A major symphony with fine feeling and understanding. Of the different symphonic movements presented this season yesterday's stands among the best. The "Good Friday Spell" from Wagner's "Parsifal" was not as comprehensive. There

was a cautious feeling for unity in the different sections and an uncertainty as to tone value which further rehearsals might eliminate. The rhythmical and melodious character of Elgar's march, "Pomp and Circumstance," caught the audience's fancy. The march was repeated. Of the eight movements of Tschalkowski's "Nutteracker" suite the audience demanded four or five repetitions. Among the smaller modern orchestral compositions this work stands in the front rank by reason of its wonderful tonal colors. Each movement represents a miniature picture and is painted with fine feeling as to individuality of character of the different solo instruments skillfully employed for the purpose of representing their relations to each other and in regard to "Klangfarben." Mr. Timmer had done nothing better this season. The work should receive another hearing. Chabrier's Spanish rhapsody closed the program. To give a municipal symphony concert on Christmas Sunday was a miscalculation. The audience was not as large as on previous Sundays. Over 500 members of the City club attended. Without the presence of this membership the lower floor would have shown many empty seats.

## COUNCIL WILL ACT ON EUCLID-AV LINE

### Gets Ordinance Tonight Authorizing Cars for 'Millionaires' Row.

### Question of Dog Licenses to be Settled at Meeting.

First steps toward legislation which will give street cars to "millionaires' row," that section of Euclid-av between E. 40th and E. 22d-sts, will be taken tonight when an ordinance will be introduced at the city council meeting authorizing the building of a street car line on that part of Euclid-av.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo have been obtaining consents from property owners and they say that in a short time they will have the required number.

Commissioner Witt said there is no question that street cars will be operated by July 4, 1915, on that section of Euclid-av which has been exclusive for so long.

Whether dogs in Cleveland must have licenses or go to pound probably will be decided at tonight's council meeting, when the dog ordinance comes up for its third reading. Some organizations in the city have been fighting the proposed law and there may be a fight over the ordinance.

If members of the special council committee which has been investigating the Madison-av N. W. explosion which wrecked an apartment house and killed ten persons, are permitted to interview Henry Haner at German hospital today, a report of the committee probably will be made to council tonight. Councilman P. V. Kalina is chairman. The councilmen hope to get an expression from Mr. Haner before submitting their report.

Councilman Charles Marquard expects to confer with Mayor Newton D. Baker today regarding amended legislation which will permit Cleveland saloons to remain open until 1 a. m.

J. T. Shields, manager of the Star Employment agency, yesterday approved the action of the council committee on appropriations in refusing to recommend that \$3,000 be appropriated for the state-city free employment agency.

Mr. Shields said thirty private agencies are being operated in Cleveland and that each of these private agencies must pay a license of \$100 a year to compete with the free agency conducted in the city hall. Mr. Shields said he makes his criticisms as a citizen, taxpayer and competitor of the free agency.

## ENGINE FIRMS THREATEN SPLIT WITH CITY HALL

### Four of Biggest Concerns Say Engineers Here Are Too Particular

### CHARGE REQUIREMENTS ON JOBS ARE EXCESSIVE

### Representative of One Manufacturer Has Clash With Mayor at Board Meeting

The Wilson & Snyder Pump Company, the Westinghouse Machine Company, the General Electric Company and Henry R. Worthington Company, the four largest turbine, pump and generator building corporations in the world, are on the verge of breaking all relations with Cleveland City Hall because of the manner in which city engineers are drawing up specifications. This was the statement made Monday to board of control members by representatives of the Westinghouse Company.

City engineers, it was charged, are so detailing specifications the long-proved practices of engineers of the four big concerns come for naught, the requirements in many cases are excessive, and as a result the city has paid far more for turbines, pumps and generators because of the variance with their plans and output.

### Say City's Too Particular

The first inkling that engineers in the public utility department had antagonized the four companies came when the board considered bids for three turbine-driven, centrifugal pumps, of a total capacity of 260,000,000 gallons, for the new Division avenue pumping station. Only two bids were received, from the Allis Chalmers company, Milwaukee, and the Dravo-Doyle company, Pittsburgh. Both bid the same figure, \$125,000.

Neither the Westinghouse nor the Worthington company put in a bid. Representatives claimed an oil-relay governor demanded for the turbines is unnecessary in such large installations and that details in regard to bearings and other engineering details were such that the concerns could not afford to put in a bid.

"Municipal business all over the country has long been put in the undesirable class," declared Howel Van Blarcon, Westinghouse company representative. "Cleveland lately has done a great deal to remove that impression. However, a few repetitions of specifications such as drawn up for the water works turbines will direct bitter criticism toward the city, and make its engineers the center of attack from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi. Cleveland is going backwards, at its present gait."

## BAKER NEUTRAL ON 1 A. M. BARS

Mayor Baker Monday was undecided on what he would do with Councilman Marquard's proposed resolution before council to keep saloons open until 1 a. m. Baker said he would not encourage any activity along the line of permitting saloons to remain open an extra hour, but he said he had not decided what he will do if Marquard's resolution comes to him for veto or approval.

Marquard was to see Baker Monday and learn his attitude before introducing the 1 o'clock closing resolution. Marquard's proposed resolution will have the support of Councilman McGinty and other Democratic leaders.

Albert Eisle, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association, says there is no general sentiment or demand for an extension of the saloon closing hour to 1 o'clock.

"There are very few saloons that would take advantage of the extra hour," said Eisle. "I have not been asked by any organization to seek an extension of the closing hour."

The Cleveland Brewers' exchange, in a statement issued Monday, also declares there is no demand for the extra hour.

### Clashes With Baker

Van Blarcon also charged the Allis-Chalmers company bid on the furnaces to "keep in good" with the city because it supplied hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment for the new East 53d street municipal light plant, and must still wait for final acceptance tests. Van Blarcon also said his concern had spent considerable money figuring on installations and is seriously considering withdrawing.

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# COUNCILMAN ASKS FUNDS TO AID IDLE

**Damm Wants City to Grant Appropriation to Further Work of City Employment Bureau—Employers Co-operate.**

M. C. Geisel, general foreman at the Big Four car shops at Linndale, Monday noon sent a call to the state-city employment bureau for 20 men, to be paid an average of \$3 a day on piece work. The work ordinarily would have been held up several weeks, but Geisel advanced it to aid in relieving the employment crisis. Geisel called upon other employers to follow suit in hiring men immediately.

An emergency appropriation of from \$300 to \$500 is to be proposed in council Monday night by A. J. Damm, chairman of the finance committee, to aid the state-city employment bureau in its effort to find jobs for Cleveland's unemployed.

The money is needed by W. F. Hennessy, commissioner of employment, for extra clerk hire, telephone and letter canvasses of employers, and organization of neighborhood clubs to give work to thousands of jobless men and women.

Mayor Baker said he will strongly advocate passage of the appropriation. Damm will urge its passage as a duty of council to join in relieving the labor crisis.

Preliminary to the survey of the employment situation to be made by the Cleveland foundation survey committee, when Director Allen T. Burns returns to Cleveland this week, scores of employers and citizens were busy Monday pushing along the relief project.

## City Provides Work.

Server Sidlo announced Monday the contract for running a boulevard through Union-av property was awarded to the Walsh Construction Co. This job, including 20,000 yards of excavation, is expected to give work 45 days to a number of men.

Safer Benesch planned Monday to give work to as many men as possible in cleaning snow from neglected sidewalks in front of business and residence property. Finance Director Coughlin said this expense can be charged as an assessment against the property.

Benesch will turn over to Commissioner Hennessy all police requests for men to clean sidewalks. These will be filled from application lists at the bureau, which are open to all unemployed persons.

Commissioner Hennessy expects to use the extra council appropriation in reaching every employer in Cleveland with an appeal to hire an extra man or woman.

A special detail of police was

## SUNDAY MUNY CONCERT

By Wilson G. Smith

To get at the pith of the matter, also to state it chronologically, the twenty-fourth muny concert took place at the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon.

Numerically the audience was not up to the standard established by recent concerts, due probably to two causes: The holiday spirit did not coincide with the concert-going ditto; also, the concert was not advertised in the Saturday papers, as were the former ones.

It is a tried business maxim that no matter how good a commodity may be, or how well the public likes it, the public has to be reminded of the facts lest it forget. I mention this as a logical explanation of the shrinkage in Sunday's attendance.

### Appreciate and Applaud.

However, the audience was reasonable large, and attained competency when it came to appreciation and applause. Every number on the program was received with keen interest and the glad-some hand.

The program was cosmopolitan in character, representing Germany, Russia, England and France in their pacific moods—a sad comment upon present days of horror.

The Wagner and Mendelssohn numbers, while not the best played, gave evidence of the symphonic efficiency the orchestra is attaining.

Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance march, with its bombastic measures and well-defined rhythms, caught the audience and was encored. As a composition it resembles the English national bev-

erage, 'alf and 'alf, being half noise and half melody.

### Encores Demanded.

Tschaikowski's Nut Cracker suite was delightfully played, with the result that three of its charmingly characteristic movements were repeated.

Chabrier's Spanish Rhapsodie, with its brilliant orchestration and opulent oriental color, gave a closing finish to what was voted by retiring auditors a highly interesting and successful concert.

And least we forget—the twenty-fifth muny concert occurs next Sunday at same place and hour. To be forewarned is to be prepared, and to be prepared is to attend.

## COUNCILMAN ASKS FUNDS FOR JOBLESS

is jointly supported by city and state. Requests for workers are to be mailed or telephoned to Commissioner Hennessy at the city hall.

The management of the Prospect theater Monday placed a call with Hennessy for 50 men to work in the cast of "The Round Up," a soldier-cowboy spectacle, all week. The men will be paid 50 cents for each nine performances.

"A 50-cent job means food and lodging to men who otherwise would have neither," Hennessy pointed out.

Director Burns of the Cleveland foundation is to have the co-operation of city and county officials, the chamber of commerce, the chamber of industry, and scores of other organizations, in his effort to find ways and means for providing work.

Commissioner Hennessy estimated that there are close to 4000 employers in Cleveland who hire five or more workers.

"If every big employer would hire one or more men, and if the citizens of every city block would chip in to hire men or women for work around the house, the crisis could easily be met," Hennessy said.

"To the big employer, the hiring of 10 or 20 men would mean no more than the spending of a nickel or dime by the average man. Besides, employers would get full value.

"Over 3000 applications for work are on file in the bureau. Every citizen able to do so should hire a man or woman."

## A WORD TO COUNCIL

Council is about to make its appropriations for the year 1915.

The city is short of money.

In an effort to make ends meet, council is considering a big cut in the funds for public welfare work.

This is the wrong place to cut.

The work of the city-state employment bureau, which was instituted to find jobs for the unemployed, is more valuable now than ever before. It should take up the tasks of the vocational guidance bureau, and other semi-private enterprises of the kind, and make the problem of unemployment a wholly public concern.

Funds for children's welfare, and for the city's recreation facilities generally should not be tampered with.

The people have a right to expect that there shall be no reduction in the funds that are meant to make life easier and happier for the common man.

## One O'clock Bar Plan is Opposed

Councilman Marquard's proposed ordinance to change the saloon closing hour from midnight to 1 a. m., Monday met with two obstacles—the opposition of Mayor Baker and that of Albert Eisele, president of the Cuyahoga retail liquor dealers' association.

"I have discouraged the idea," Baker said, "but would not say now I would veto such an ordinance."

"There is no real sentiment

among saloonists for the change in hours," Eisele said. "Only a few dealers believe they would be benefited."

Eisele Monday was to notify Baker of his attitude on the subject, and it was said a similar statement might be sent from the brewers' association.

Marquard Monday had not decided whether to proceed with the ordinance.

City council Monday night will be asked by Tractioner Witt to pass an ordinance, giving the Council the right to lay tracks in the section of Euclid-av between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st, known as "millionaires' row."



## COUNCIL STARTS MOVE TO FURNISH WORK TO JOBLESS

Asks Joint City and County  
Action to Begin Public  
Projects.

## HENNESSY TO GET BUDGET

Employment Official Arranges for  
Money to Begin "Hire a  
Man" Propaganda.

Joint action by city and county officials in starting public improvements to furnish work for Cleveland's unemployed is called for in a resolution adopted by the city council last night.

The resolution, which was introduced by Councilman Reynolds, provides for a public hearing to be conducted by the council committee on labor, the city board of control and the county commissioners. A canvass of proposed city and county projects will be made.

W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the state-city free employment exchange, arranged yesterday for an emergency appropriation to carry on the "hire-a-man" movement suggested by the committee on labor. The committee on appropriations is expected to rescind its action refusing the division an appropriation for 1915.

### Would Regulate Agencies.

Legislation providing for stricter regulation of private employment agencies also was introduced at the council meeting. The ordinance provides for licenses ranging from \$50 to \$200 and requires agencies to furnish customers with a card setting forth all details regarding a prospective position. Private agencies, who claim that all organizations should co-operate in finding work at this time, will fight the measure.

The Cleveland Railway Company is authorized to build a double line of tracks along Euclid avenue between E. 22d street and E. 40th street in an ordinance referred to the street railway committee.

Councilman Dittrick's proposed ordinance to require uniform operation of "pay as you enter" and "pay leave" cars was defeated. The measure was opposed by Street Railway Commissioner Witt.

### Fare Reduction Voted.

The street railway committee voted to reduce the rate of fare between London road and Dill road, in Nottingham, from five to three cents. Councilman Rolf said that pupils coming from Nottingham to the Collinwood High school were required to pay eight cents fare.

The fare from London road to the Public Square will be six cents under the new schedule. Special school tickets can not be provided under the Tayler street railway grant, Street Railway Commissioner Witt said, in answer to a suggestion by Councilman Stolte.

Stolte opposed the purchase of the North Randall car line at a price of \$146,000. The entire council will inspect the line this morning.

The Durkin ordinance licensing dogs and establishing a dog pound was referred back to the committee on health and sanitation when it came up for a third reading. Chairman Smith feared that the measure would not receive a majority vote.

## DEPUTATION ASKS HARRY C. GAHN TO SEEK MAYORALTY

Republican Councilman Takes  
Proposal Under Consideration  
Before Definitely Declaring  
His Decision.

GIVES IDEAS ON WORK  
MAYOR SHOULD UNDERTAKE

Favors Municipal Ownership or  
Control of All Public  
Utilities Here.

Harry C. Gahn, attorney and Republican councilman from the Eighteenth ward, was asked to be a candidate for mayor by a deputation of thirteen representative citizens from this ward who waited on him at his office in the Williamson building last night.

In responding to speeches of endorsement and approval by various members of the committee, Mr. Gahn told what he would do if he were mayor, but said he wished to take the proposal under advisement before definitely declaring himself.

He said he would favor municipal ownership or control of all public utilities and would work for greater social and financial justice in the city. John Rohinger presided. Rohinger and J. G. Tomson, another speaker, emphasized that it was not through any ward or personal feelings, but because of belief in Mr. Gahn's qualifications, that he was being asked to run.

Those who attended were Frank Back, B. T. Tuthill, William Cubbon, Joseph Mueller, James Griswald, William Gray, L. R. Canfield, George Farnum, W. G. Lilwall, John Sweeney and B. L. Baker.

Colonel Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, was invited yesterday by Attorney James B. Ruhl and Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald to speak at the McKinley day banquet of the Tippecanoe Club, February 6. While planning a vacation trip, Colonel Herrick said he thought he would be able to remain over and he would give his answer soon.

### Want Conduits Inspected.

Director of Public Service Sidlo reported that it would cost \$1,500 to construct concrete stairways from Jennings road into the new industrial district in the upper river valley.

A special committee of the council, investigating the wrecking of a two-story apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue two weeks ago, was directed to inquire into recent explosions in conduits. The committee was instructed to suggest legislation requiring frequent inspection of conduits.

## SALOON CLOSING HOUR NOT TO BE CHANGED

Baker Opposes Alterations in  
Liquor Regulations, He Tells  
Councilman.

Saloon closing laws will remain unchanged, Councilman Marquard said yesterday, after conferring with Mayor Baker in regard to extending the midnight closing hour to 1 o'clock.

Baker told Marquard that he was opposed to changes in the liquor laws and intimated that he would veto any ordinance passed by the council.

"The mayor is opposed to the proposed ordinance and I will not introduce any legislation at this time," said Marquard. Albert Eisele, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, also said yesterday that there was no general demand for extending the midnight closing hour.

Baker also ruled that police protection is unnecessary in visiting Cleveland saloons and grill rooms. He told Rev. George Hugh Birney, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, this in declining to assign a plain clothes man to accompany him on a tour of cafes New Year's eve.

The mayor said that patrolmen and detectives would be busy elsewhere, and he felt assured that Rev. Mr. Birney would not need the services of an officer on his tour of inspection. Cafe owners would no doubt be glad to welcome the minister, Baker said.

Rev. Mr. Birney said last night that he would adhere to his original plans and that since discussing the matter with Baker he felt that it was outside the province of the police department to assign an officer to accompany him.



## ASK GAHN TO RUN FOR MAYOR BERTH

Republicans Told by Councilman He Will Consider Proposition.

Hanna Forces Say Nominnee Has Not Yet Been Mentioned.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn, Republican, last night was visited by a delegation of Ward 18 citizens and asked to run for mayor.

In replying, the councilman said he wanted time to consider the proposal. He agreed to deliberate carefully, and said if he thought he could give the time and energy necessary to make the race, he would become a candidate.

The meeting was held in Mr. Gahn's law office in the Williamson building. Mr. Gahn was met at the city hall by the delegation following council meeting, and accompanied his callers to his office.

John F. Rohringer presided at the session and was the first to speak, expressing a belief there was widespread sentiment for Mr. Gahn because of his official achievements and his ability.

Among others active in the meeting were John Tomson, who ran against Mr. Gahn for councilman in Ward 18 in 1913; Frank Bach, Republican candidate for state representative in the November election; Attorney N. R. Canfield, Byron Tutthill, Joseph Miller, William Gray, Joseph Griswold, William Cubbon, George Farnham, Walter Lilwall, B. L. Perry and John G. Sweeney. All are more or less interested in Republican activities in the eighteenth ward.

Mr. Gahn said if he were mayor he would try to bring about "social and financial justice" for the citizens of Cleveland. He spoke of taxation as an unequal method of obtaining revenue for the city, indorsed the attitude of the city in co-operating in a state-city employment bureau, and said he believed in municipal ownership of public utilities.

"If I were mayor I would try to prevent the decision of issues on political grounds," he added.

The councilman said he had intended seeking a third term in council and that he could give a definite answer as regards running for mayor probably within a month.

Republican talk is more and more of the advisability of advancing a candidate for mayor upon whom all elements of the party could agree.

There seems to be an assumption among Republicans that Peter Witt will be the only candidate of Democratic extraction, beyond the possibility of the True Democracy league putting forward an anti-administration Democrat.

Active Republicans say if the assumption is well founded, it behooves them to unite on one man, and to be sure he is a candidate behind whom could be massed the combined strength of the Republican factions.

This is understood to be the attitude of the Dan R. Hanna political interests. Most recent reports from sources close to the Hanna people were that Hanna Republicans say the man who will be the next mayor of Cleveland has not been named yet as a candidate.

Some Republicans assert Harry L. Davis, announced candidate, will be able to centralize the Republican strength. Other Republicans predict he will not be the candidate finally selected by the Republican forces.

Mr. Davis says he is going through the next campaign as a candidate, and his friends declare his fight will end only with the casting of the votes.

Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals is frequently mentioned as a possible fusion candidate.

Mr. Davis yesterday said he had put in the hands of circulators and sent out in the mail 183 petitions bearing his name as a mayoralty entry. Mr. Witt is to receive today petitions he is having printed, and will start them in immediate circulation.

## OPPOSES CAR EXTENSION

Councilman Objects to North Randall Railway Purchase.

Emphatic objection to the purchase by the Cleveland Railway Co. of the North Randall railroad extension was voiced by Councilman William Stolte at a public meeting of the council committee on street railways yesterday. A resolution authorizing the Cleveland Railway Co. to pay \$146,000 for this property was being considered by the committee.

"I am opposed to these expenditures," he said. "We are adding to the capital value all the time and the city will never be able to buy the lines. We would have to pay \$30,000,000 today if we wanted to buy the lines."

An inspection trip was proposed, but Councilman Stolte would not agree to look over the property. The trip over the extension will be taken this morning in a special car. The entire council was invited to take the trip. Owners of the line say they will use the funds derived from the sale in improving the North Randall fair grounds.

## APPLAUD MAYOR FOR FIGHT VIEWS

Pastors Draw Resolutions Opposing Professional Pugilism in Cleveland.

Flay Plan to Have State Legislature Pass Special Measure.

The Methodist ministers of Cleveland yesterday took action as a body against professional prize fighting and expressed their appreciation to Mayor Newton D. Baker for his attitude in refusing to grant permits for professional prize fighting in Cleveland.

Rev. Elmer E. Pearce, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, chairman of the committee on charities and reforms, read resolutions against professional fighting drawn up by the committee. These were unanimously adopted by the ministers. The resolutions follow:

Whereas certain athletic organizations persons and parties have gone to Hon. Newton D. Baker requesting him for an ordinance granting professional prize fighting;

Whereas having been refused this privilege by the mayor of this city they have resolved to go before the state legislature at Columbus to request the enactment of such a bill and;

Whereas professional prize fighting loses all virtue of clean sport and becomes a mere money making scheme and;

Whereas its moral influence is detrimental to the young life of the community and;

Whereas wherever permitted it has had a tendency to lower the whole moral tone of society; therefore be it

Resolved that we record our high appreciation of the commendable attitude of Mayor Baker in this matter.

Resolved, second, that we emphatically protest against any such lowering of the moral standards of this great city or state.

Resolved, third, that we privately and publicly speak against the evil results which will necessarily follow professional prize fighting.

Resolved, fourth, that we request the Federated Churches, the individual religious denominations and all other organizations that stand for clean and wholesome sport to do all within their power to defeat this measure.

The meeting was held in the Central Y. M. C. A. building, Prospect-av E. E. and E. 22d-st. Rev. Dr. George Hugh Birney, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist church, presided.

Rev. Mr. Pearce framed the resolutions following a visit to Mayor Baker last week. After the meeting Rev. Mr. Pearce said:

"I am very fond of athletic sport of all kinds but am against professional prize fighting the way it is conducted. I played football five years and have done a little boxing. It's great exercise when properly conducted which only happens when the prize or purse is eliminated."

Rev. E. Lee Howard, pastor of the First Congregational church at Painesville, outlined the program of the state conference in Painesville in February to the Congregational ministers at their meeting in the Schofield building, yesterday.

## PROPOSES TO HEAR LABOR DISCUSSION

City Council Arranges Meeting to Consider Employment Problem.

Invitations Include County Officials and Club Representatives.

A public discussion of the unemployment question in Cleveland was arranged by the city council last night with the adoption of a resolution authorizing the council committee on labor to hold a meeting in the city council chamber for the purpose of receiving suggestions from civic and business organizations.

The committee will invite the city board of control, county commissioners and representative business and civic organizations. The resolution was offered by Councilman J. W. Reynolds.

A strong effort is to be made to obtain a city appropriation for the state-city free employment bureau. One suggestion is that the city enlarge the municipal concrete plant established by the water works division on Whisky island, and that the convention hall and other proposed structures be erected of material turned out at the municipal concrete plant.

### Dog Ordinance Pending.

A fight on the passage of the pending dog license ordinance was prevented last night by Chairman J. E. Smith of the council committee on health and cleanliness. Councilman Smith moved that the ordinance be referred to committees for consideration of suggestions for further changes in the ordinance.

A number of women, who have been leading the fight against the measure, were present. Members of council opposing the ordinance sought to prevent the reference of the ordinance to committees. The motion to refer carried by a vote of seventeen yeas and nine nays.

The rate of street car fare from Nottingham-rd N. E. to the Public square was reduced from 8 cents to 6 cents.

An ordinance authorizing the ex-

Attorney James B. Ruhl, Society for Savings building, who became a central figure in Republican politics in Cuyahoga county with the election of Frank B. Willis as governor, has been visited since Nov. 3 by between 400 and 500 men seeking appointive positions under the incoming Republican state administration.

Many have called at Mr. Ruhl's office without any definite idea as to just what they wanted, but certain there would be places for them. Others have called with petitions, asking Mr. Ruhl to sign them.

The callers continue, as uncertainty remains with respect to whom Governor-elect Willis intends to recognize here in questions of patronage.

Senator-elect Warren G. Harding in Cleveland recently said he had been importuned by about 400 job seekers asking him to use his influence with Mr. Willis in their behalf.

Attorney Ruhl and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald yesterday afternoon called on Myron T. Herrick, ex-ambassador to France, to invite him to speak at the Tippecanoe club's McKinley day banquet, Feb. 6.

Col. Herrick told his visitors he was planning a trip for a rest, but would be in Cleveland Jan. 31, and probably would be able to remain over for the Tappan banquet. He said he would let them know definitely in a few days.



# WELFARE COUNCIL AIDS UNEMPLOYED

The welfare council executive committee, composed of representatives of practically all Cleveland's welfare bodies, met Tuesday at city hall for critical analysis of the employment situation.

The committee received and recorded a score of plans for immediate relief for the jobless and adopted resolutions pledging support in a move to make the campaign city-wide.

In attendance at the meeting were: Miss Belle Sherwin, welfare council president; C. W. Williams, head of the federation for charity and philanthropy; Miss Myrta L. Jones, consumers league president; Rev. M. O. Simons, Unity church;

Dr. R. H. Bishop, city health department, and Director Burns, Cleveland foundation.

Members of the clergy throughout the city expect to urge congregations next Sunday to form neighborhood and parish clubs to join in the finding of work for unemployed.

Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland foundation, which is to head the effort to solve the job problem, returned Tuesday from Philadelphia.

Burns attended the welfare council meeting, made arrangements for a discussion of the crisis with public officials and others, and announced a meeting of the survey committee would be held at once to outline its work.

Burns was to meet with Alva Ditttrick, chairman of council labor committee, to fix a date for a great public meeting on the labor question, which council Monday night unanimously indorsed.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds introduced the resolution for the public meeting, which is to be held under auspices of the labor committee, the county commissioners and the board of control.

Employment Commissioner W. F. Hennessy Tuesday was given authority by Director of Finance Coughlin and A. J. Damm, chairman of council finance committee,

to spend \$300, or as much more as needed, at once in the state-city labor bureau.

Hennessy is to use the money for a canvass of employers and citizens as a means of securing jobs for the thousands who have applied.

## Withholds Resolution.

Councilman Damm Monday night withheld his resolution for an emergency appropriation by council for Hennessy's bureau because of the proximity of the end of the year, at which time all money unused by Hennessy would have to be turned back to the general fund.

A special committee of three from the foundation survey committee was to attend the meeting at 2 p. m. Tuesday of the council appropriation committee to urge that the employment bureau be given ample funds for next year.

Several committee members Tuesday stated they will not approve the suggestion that the bureau be abolished next year by denying Hennessy the \$4176 appropriation he asks.

"I'll fight for the appropriation, or a bigger appropriation, on the floor of council if necessary," announced William Rolf, chairman of the appropriation committee.

## May Enlarge Plant.

The suggestion was made in council Monday night that the city concrete plant on Whisky island be enlarged to give employment to more men. This is to be considered at the general public meeting.

The state-city employment bureau Monday and Tuesday put in the busiest days since its creation, following the suggestion made by The Press that the Cleveland foundation aid in directing efforts to meet the labor emergency.

"The public, from the big employer to the private citizen, is waking up to the fact that we have a real need for action confronting us," Commissioner Hennessy said.

## SAYS LOSS OF REVENUE PUTS CITY INTO DEBT

A decrease in the city's revenue and forced increase in its activities and not "wildcat" finance is responsible for Cleveland's financial straits, City Clerk Collins Tuesday wrote to Harry L. Davis, Republican mayoralty candidate, who had asked for figures to be used at a public meeting on city finances in council chamber Tuesday afternoon.

Davis declared Mayor Baker and council should enforce economy, so \$900,000 would not have to be borrowed, in short-time emergency notes, to meet actual operating expenses for 1915.

Whether the city issues the \$900,000 in notes or cuts public service to that extent is to be determined largely by sentiment displayed at Tuesday's meeting. Representatives of the Engineering society are expected to oppose the \$1,200 cut in Smoke Commissioner Robert's \$3,600 salary, and Chamber of Commerce members the reduction of the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation, from \$1,800 to \$1,200.

## What Council Did Monday Night

Here's the business transacted by council Monday night:

Gave first reading to an ordinance regulating private employment agencies.

Received ordinance providing annexation of westerly portion of Brooklyn village.

Received ordinance authorizing Concon to build double car tracks in "millionaire row," or that strip on Euclid-av between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st.

Voted to advertise for new bids on \$100,000 bonds for elimination of Lake Shore railroad grade at E. 105th-st, and Nickel-plate grade at Ivanhoe-rd.

Passed ordinance making purchasing agent supervisor of city storehouses.

Received communication from federation for charity and philanthropy praising work of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of bureau of sanitation.

Received communication from

iron, steel and tin workers union No. 6, indorsing socialist communication, asking that council create work for unemployed.

Passed resolution fixing fare from London-rd, Collinwood, to Dille-rd, Cleveland, at 3 cents, previous fare having been 5 cents.

Referred dog regulating ordinance to health, license and judiciary committees and director of law.

Voted for a public meeting of board of control, county commissioners and council labor committee to frame plans for creating labor for unemployed.

Received resolution asking appointment of committee to investigate causes of frequent explosions in gas conduits in streets.

Laid on table resolution providing pay-enter plan for cars coming to Public square and pay-leave for cars leaving square.

## WANT GAHN FOR MAYOR

Councilman Harry C. Gahn, republican, is considering the request of friends that he become a candidate for mayor.

If he can afford to give up the time and energy necessary in such a campaign, he will make the race, he said Tuesday.

Gahn was visited by a delegation of republicans Monday night. John F. Rohringer was the spokesman.



## PREFER BORROWING TO CITY INACTIVITY

Citizens at Council Mass Meeting Give Views on Financial Crisis.

Mayor Baker Opposes Cut in Employees' Pay to Add Revenue.

### FUND CRISIS HINTS.

Suggestions for meeting the city's financial crisis made to council yesterday:

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**—A cut of 3.37 per cent. in all items of the appropriation ordinance, including salaries, to prevent increase in city's operating deficit.

**FEDERATION OF LABOR**—No cutting of salaries and continuation of city activities on their present scale.

**ATTORNEY JOHN A. ALBURN**—An appropriation of \$25,000 for establishing a bureau in connection with mayor's office to be managed by experts who would suggest means of cutting the city's operating expenses.

**ATTORNEY JAMES METZENBAUM**—Submission of \$1,000,000 bond issue to voters.

**VICTOR W. SINCERE**—Wheel tax to be placed on automobiles and other vehicles operated in city.

**ATTORNEY DE LO E. MOOK**—Work for home rule in taxation.

**E. A. ROBERTS**—Special fees and licenses.

**FRED H. CALEY**—State legislation giving the city a larger share of taxes.

**ATTORNEY EARL M. WELLS**—Establishment of district system of city management.

**HARRY L. VAIL**—Legislation enabling city to use water works funds for general purposes.

Citizens of Cleveland and representatives of leading civic and business organizations at a gathering that packed the city council chamber to the doors, told the council committees on appropriations and finance yesterday afternoon how they believed the financial crisis that confronts the city should be met.

While there was no vote, councilmen declared at the close of the meeting they believed it plainly the sentiment of the majority that city departments should not be discontinued and that council should borrow \$950,000 or \$1,000,000 to continue activities of the city on their present scale during 1915.

A number of suggestions for increasing the city's revenue were made. Mayor Newton D. Baker opposed a suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce committee on finance that to prevent the operating deficit of \$765,000 from increasing, a cut of 3.37 per cent. be applied to each item in the appropriation ordinance, including salaries of all city employees and officials.

### Mayor Opposes Plan.

Opposition to the plan of imposing special fees and licenses for revenue purposes also came from the mayor. "I am opposed to any ordinances that will cause revenue to be derived from special licenses on the business conducted by people of Cleveland," said the mayor.

"I have said that as long as I am mayor I will not sign such an ordinance and I will not. I am sure citizens of Cleveland would not want to take a collection from stenographers and other employees in the city hall in order to meet this situation that has arisen.

"If the salary of any city employee is too large it should be cut. City employees should not be made to bear the burden that confronts the city and I am sure the citizens would not want this to.

"This problem has been accumulating for some time. There has been an annual deficit for many years and

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the difficulty increased with the curtailment of the city's revenues. This is not a Cleveland problem. It is not unique. Every large city in Ohio is confronted with the same problem."

The first address was made by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, who asserted the operation of the Smith 1 per cent. law and the liquor

license amendment to the constitution have reduced the city's revenue.

"The city's per capita receipts in 1911 were \$7.10 and in 1914 the per capita income was \$5.81.

"The question is: What ought to be done in the present crisis?" said the finance director. "There are three alternative propositions. One of these is to cut further. The second is to borrow money and increase the city's present debt by \$145,000. The third is to ask the people to vote on the question of issuing deficiency bonds.

"I think the year 1916 will see some relief, but as a member of the state tax commission named by the gov-

ernor, I fail to see any substantial relief for the coming year in the way of state legislation. The problem is not how to cut, but how can more revenue be put into the treasury."

Former County Commissioner Harry L. Vail proposed that \$175,000 be transferred from the water works fund to the general fund. "You took \$375,000 for the heating plant," he said. "By the same fiction as you applied in that case you can take \$175,000 and apply it to other general purposes."

When Director Coughlin declared that the investment was considered a water works asset Mr. Vail suggested that the legislature be asked to give the city the right to transfer water works funds.

"This is not our legislature," said Councilman William Stolte. "Couldn't you get them to do it?"

"The people are to be congratulated on the fact that it is not your legislature," retorted the former county commissioner.

It was further suggested by him that \$141,000 allowed for lighting plant extensions be cut out of the appropriation to reduce the city's debt. In this connection he pointed out it is now proposed to meet the interest on lighting bonds by general taxation and the director or finance replied that in the near future the department would be able to meet interest and sinking fund charges by its own earnings.

"The people by more than two-thirds vote authorized the council to borrow \$2,000,000 for this lighting plant and the council further authorized the borrowing of \$700,000," he said. "The people gave their assent, as no referendum petitions were filed."

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, announced the organization was in favor of borrowing for the continuance of city activities in their present scale and that it was opposed to taxing city employees to meet the present crisis.

Michael Goldsmith of the Bartenders' union declared every department should be made to live within the city's revenue.

Attorney John A. Alburn, former member of the city council, urged the mayor be allowed \$25,000 for the operation of a bureau in which experts would be employed who would devise means for reducing the operating expense of the city.

"I am sure that 1,000 men in this city would each gladly give the mayor \$25 for the experiment," he said. "I'll give the mayor \$25 myself right now as a starter. The city should pay the experts in its employ the salaries which their services merit. The city might save on traffic regulation by opening new thorough east and west arteries of traffic."

"It is about time some of us woke up to the fact that Cleveland is not in the same class as Berea," said Fred H. Caley, secretary of the Automobile club. "We belong to the big league. The city of Cleveland contains one-ninth of the population of the state and yet it contributes one-fourth of the taxes collected by the state.

"We are not getting our just proportion of the taxes. The legislature should be asked to relieve the situation at its coming session. There are certain fundamental things that cities must do.

"We should have more police. Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo will both agree to that. The city must maintain its fire department. It must light the streets and it must pave and repair the streets. It must supply pure water. The city should have followed the street repair plan proposed by the citizens' commission of fifteen. It would have cut the expense in half."

Secretary C. W. Williams of the Builders Exchange proposed the establishment of special fees and licenses in order to tide the city over and Victor W. Sincere of the Bailey Co. proposed the establishment of a wheel tax. The belief was expressed by him that the burden of the expense of maintaining roads should rest upon those who made use of them.

"I would rather see a tax on wagons than see some of the welfare work that has been started destroyed," he said.

Attorney Earl N. Wells claimed the city's paving specifications needed revision and urged the establishment of the district management scheme in the service department. He charged that inefficiency exists in city work and claimed that he has seen oats and straw placed in a paving foundation.

"No one has challenged a specific expenditure of the city," said Attorney James Metzenbaum. "The citizens of Cleveland would support the administration in its activities and they would vote for a bond issue. The city assets are \$105,000,000. The city can well afford to have a bonded debt of \$42,000,000."

Secretary C. F. Williams of the Cleveland Federation for Charity and Philanthropy urged that, if it was decided funds should be borrowed, a definite policy of economy should be outlined that the best results be obtained from funds expended. The adoption of preventive measures as means of cutting expenses in other directions would be included, he said.

The committee on smoke prevention of the Chamber of Commerce urged the salary of \$3,600 be restored to the commissioner of smoke. The council committees have voted to reduce it to \$2,400.

The chamber committee on finance also submitted its report at the meeting yesterday. The report in part follows:

We have endeavored to discover means of increasing the city's general revenue. We can find but one source that promises a sufficiently prompt return to be available next year, namely, relief that may be afforded through a readjustment of tax revenues between the state, county and city.

The commission appointed by Gov. Cox to investigate the subject, of which our director of finance, Mr. Coughlin, is a member, we are informed will report at the January session of the legislature. Favorable action by the legislature might result in placing a considerable sum at the disposal of the city in 1915.

This sum could be added to the estimated revenue of the city and could be appropriated for general operating purposes. Just what relief would be afforded from this source is problematical.

There is also the possibility of an increased city duplicate next year. Estimates from the deputy state tax commissioner's office place this increase at \$200,000,000, which would yield, at the present rate, about \$836,000 additional operating revenue. This increased return would not be available, however, next year.

Should there be no adequate readjustment of the tax revenues between the state, the county and the city, or should the tax duplicate not be substantially increased, amendment of the taxing laws may be necessary. Relief from an increased rate would, however, not be available next year, and the situation would be relieved only by the possibility of an increased levy in 1916.

In this connection we desire to state that in our opinion the city has not availed itself of the full levy possible under the Smith tax law. The maximum possible levy for all purposes is 15.4 mills. The actual levy is 15.1 mills. This leaves a levy of 3-10 of a mill that has not been exhausted that would be available to taxing districts upon approval of the electors.

If this levy were available to the city, an additional income of \$260,000, considerably more than the estimated deficit of \$187,000, would be returned for city operating purposes. We believe, in view of the financial condition of the city, that the question of granting this additional levy might well have

been submitted to the electors at the last election.

With reference to decreasing the expenditures of the city, we have not sufficient detailed data to enable us to make constructive suggestions at this time. The committee on city finance has, however, decided to recommend to the board of directors of the chamber that a detailed investigation be made of the various city departments for the purpose of securing sufficient detailed data to enable the chamber to be of more service to your honorable body in the future by reason of increased knowledge of your problems.

There can be no doubt but that Mayor Baker's recommendations, as set forth in his communication to council, which accompanied the mayor's budget, with reference to curtailing expenditures, in order that they may be kept within the city's income, was dictated by sound business policy.

We appreciate the difficulty confronting you, and appreciate your earnest efforts to reduce the budget to an amount commensurate with the city's estimated income, although we may not all agree upon the par-

ticular department or item that should be reduced. We are, however, firmly of the opinion that the issuance of deficiency bonds to pay operating expenses should not be considered. Our suggestion in the present emergency is as follows: We recommend that the council committee on appropriations and finance review the appropriations of the various departments for the purpose of placing all of them upon as equitable a basis as possible.

That each department be reduced by the same percentage. A reduction of 2.5 per cent. of all items, including salaries, based upon the present appropriation ordinance, would remove the estimated operating deficit of \$187,000. As the percentage is so small we are of the opinion that this reduction can be made without unduly affecting the operation of the departments.



## CITY CONFERENCE WOULD BORROW \$950,000 IN 1915

Chamber of Commerce Urges  
3.37 Per Cent Cut in  
All Salaries.

## PLAN OPPOSED BY MAYOR

Vehicle Tax and Employment of  
Efficiency Experts Among  
Proposals.

Financial surgeons and physicians held a clinic yesterday afternoon on Cleveland's finances and decided that \$350,000 must be injected into the municipality's treasury if it is to make a complete recovery.

On the need for borrowing nearly a million dollars for expenses next year all the representatives of business and civic organizations, who gathered at the public hearing in the council chambers, were agreed, but there was difference of opinion along other lines.

Proposals to cut salaries of all city employees 3-13 per cent and to bolster city funds by levying a vehicle tax were strongly opposed by city officials.

### Opposes Vehicle Tax.

Mayor Baker led the opposition to the vehicle tax, and city department heads did not favor the proposition of the Chamber of Commerce committee to cut salaries. Fred W. Caley, secretary of the Cleveland Automobile Club, protested against a reduction in street repair appropriations.

The salary cut, which was to induce a like shading of all operating expenses together with the renewal of a loan of \$765,000, would, according to the chamber's estimate, give the city sufficient funds.

The employment of efficiency experts to see that the municipality's funds are judiciously expended, whose salaries would aggregate \$25,000, was also suggested. One of the speakers said he believed there were a thousand men in Cleveland who would gladly contribute \$25 each for this purpose.

### Administration Criticized.

The city administration was criticized as extravagant by Attorney Earl H. Wells, while several speakers declared that present municipal activities could not be curtailed. Home rule in taxation was advocated by a number. More than 200 citizens attended the meeting, which was arranged by the council committee on appropriations when it discovered that it must cut departmental requests still further or borrow \$950,000 next year.

The chamber committee said that the city had not availed itself of the full tax levy possible under the Smith taxation limit and that this additional levy amounting to three-tenths of a mill would increase city receipts by \$260,000, if approved by electors. In conclusion the committee said that a reduction of 3.37 per cent in all items, including salaries would remove estimated operating deficits, excluding present loans.

### Proposes Vehicle Tax.

A vehicle tax was proposed by Victor Sincere, manager of The Bailey Company. He said that he did not believe a single business house would be unwilling to pay the tax.

Mayor Baker took issue with both Sincere and the Chamber committee. "I am not in favor of taking \$30 from the salary of a stenographer getting \$1,000 per year," said Baker. "A vehicle tax is placing a tax on business and a development of the plan would mean that every one in Cleveland would be fined for doing business."

Present financial difficulties of the city are not local but are universal throughout the state, Baker said.

Harry L. Vail, former county commissioner, wanted to know why \$181,000 appropriated for extensions to the municipal lighting system could not be transferred to the general fund, inasmuch as taxpayers throughout the city were paying interest on lighting bonds.

### Goldsmith Opposes Farrell.

Thomas Farrell, secretary of the Federation of Labor, said that the organization was opposed to curtailing city activities and favored borrowing money to meet next year's deficits. He was opposed by Michael Goldsmith, another labor leader, who said that a halt should be called in the piling up of municipal indebtedness.

Attorney John A. Alburn proposed the employment of efficiency experts to see that city funds are properly expended.

Present methods of conducting street repairs are not economical, said Mr. Caley, and he urged the carrying out of recommendations of a citizens' commission, which made a study of city streets.

E. A. Roberts, secretary of the Builders' Exchange, Attorney D. E. Mook, C. W. Williams, secretary of the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, Attorney James Metzbaum, Professor C. C. Arbuthnot, of Western Reserve College, and Thomas Fitzsimons also spoke.

No further meetings of the committee will be held until after the first of the year, when reports showing total expenditures in 1914 will be available.

## BOND DEBT OF CITY

## BOOSTED \$693,000

Total Issue Now Stands at \$49,-  
044,606; Stockwell Replies  
in Sinking Fund Suit.

Cleveland's bonded indebtedness was increased to \$49,044,606.56 yesterday with the sale of \$693,000 worth of municipal securities to Otis & Co., Cleveland, and Curtiss & Sanger, Boston, joint bidders.

The issues included \$500,000 worth of waterworks bonds, \$18,000 worth of bonds renewing an issue for the building of the Collinwood municipal lighting plant and \$175,000 for the severing of Dugway Brook, in accordance with orders from the state board of health. Premiums offered were as follows: waterworks, \$18.055; electric light, \$163, and Dugway Brook, \$3.168. Six other bids were received.

Director of Law Stockwell yesterday filed a petition in error in the Supreme Court in the suit brought to restrain sinking fund commissioners from disposing of \$500,000 worth of lighting bonds for less than par. The suit was decided in favor of the commission in the lower courts.

## CITY AND COUNTY WILL ACT JOINTLY FOR UNEMPLOYED

Business and Labor Representatives Asked to Take Part in  
Public Meeting Called  
for Saturday.

## MAYOR MAKES PLEA FOR THE DIVISION BUREAU

Welfare Council Also Takes Up  
Question of Helping Those  
Out of Work.

City and county officials are to take action toward starting public improvements to furnish work for the unemployed, at a big public meeting in the council chambers Saturday afternoon.

Business and labor organizations, manufacturers and other large employers of labor were asked yesterday to be present in a call for the meeting sent out by Councilman Dittrick, chairman of the committee on labor. The meeting was arranged for Saturday afternoon in order to obtain the largest attendance.

Sixty-one thousand men are out of employment in Cleveland at the present time, according to estimates by the State-City Free Employment Exchange. Mayor Baker yesterday made a personal plea for the continuance of the employment division, saying that it should be operated even if the city had to borrow money to continue the work. The committee on appropriations has voted to wipe out the division.

The unemployment situation was also taken up by the Cleveland Welfare Council yesterday. The organization is composed of practically all Cleveland welfare bodies. It adopted resolution, pledging support to a city-wide campaign to find work for the jobless.

## ASK NORTON'S CONSENT TO RUN HIM FOR MAYOR

West Siders Want to Get Busy  
Circulating Petitions for  
Nominations.

West Side business men yesterday asked, by letter, the consent of Miner G. Norton, attorney, 504 Society for Savings building, to circulate petitions for his nomination for mayor. This action follows a mass meeting Monday night at Daykin Brothers' store, 1606 W. 25th street, when business men representing nearly two hundred firms on the West Side urged the candidacy of Norton.

The letter was signed by B. B. Chapman as president and Albert G. Daykin as secretary of the meeting. Norton said yesterday he has the matter under consideration and will reply within a few days.

"I feel deeply gratified at the action taken by the West Side business men," he said yesterday, "and while I deem it a high honor, I cannot reply without giving the matter due consideration. I will decide whether I will become a candidate in a few days."

## MAYOR TO ADORN EVERY COURSE WITH ADDRESS

Mayor Baker will deliver six addresses New Year's night in the course of a progressive banquet. He will partake of one course at six different places.

"Father and Son" banquets will be held at the various Y. M. C. A. buildings Friday night. Mayor Baker, Director of Public Welfare Cooley, Augustus Nash and Robert E. Lewis, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be speakers. Mayor Baker and Secretary Lewis are booked to speak six times. They will start at the Central Y. M. C. A., then in turn go to the West Side, Broadway, East End, Collinwood and St. Clair avenue branches. Dr. Cooley speaks first at the Broadway branch, then at the West Side and Central buildings. Mr. Nash speaks at the Collinwood, St. Clair and East End branches.



## CITY NOT TO CUT PAY; TO BORROW

Cleveland will not economize on municipal expenses in 1915 by reducing salaries, as suggested Tuesday by the city finance committee of the chamber of commerce.

This was indicated Wednesday by Councilmen McGinty and other members of the council appropriation committee. Mayor Baker also is against the plan.

Instead of a cut of 3.37 per cent in all operating expenses and salaries as a means of saving \$187,000 and keeping the city within the approximate sum of \$5,000,000 available, money probably will be borrowed to meet the situation.

McGinty said members of the committee next week will vote to recommend passage of the ordinance

nance practically as it now stands. It has been informally decided, he said, to provide funds for the employment and vocational guidance bureaus, omitted in the first draft.

Nearly 200 people Tuesday gave the appropriation committee hints on city finances. Here are the main suggestions offered:

Victor Sincere: Raise funds by wheel tax.

Federation of labor: Continue city activities on present scale.

John A. Alburn, former councilman: Establishment of efficiency bureau.

Attorney Delo E. Mook: Home rule in taxation.

Fred H. Caley: Legislation giving city larger share of taxes.

Attorney Earl H. Wells: District system of city management.

Attorney James Metzenbaum: One million dollar bond issue.

## KAMP SEES WAY TO BUILD GREAT MUNY MARKET

Plans for a new muny central market, including farmers' and hucksters' markets, were announced Wednesday by Market-master Charles Kamp.

The new market would do away with the present antiquated central market, where accommodations are inadequate to handle between 30,000 and 40,000 persons on busy days.

Kamp believes the new market can be built under a provision of the city charter without increasing the burden to Cleveland taxpayers.

The charter provides that bonds can be issued for a public utility, regardless of the city's bonded indebtedness, if earnings from the proposed utility will pay interest on the bond issue and sinking fund.

Kamp has asked Law Director Stockwell for a ruling on the transfer of the market system from the public service department to the public utilities department.

### Wants \$1,000,000 Bonds.

If Stockwell rules the transfer can be made, Kamp is to ask council at once to authorize a \$1,000,000 bond issue.

"City officials have stated they believed the transfer could be made," Kamp said. "This would enable council to authorize the bond issue without submitting it to popular vote."

Kamp has prepared figures to show the new market would have an annual revenue of \$85,000, enough to pay interest on \$1,000,000 bonds at 5½ per cent, and allow \$15,000 for the sinking fund, after maintenance charges were deducted.

He has already made preliminary negotiations to secure a site with 1100 feet frontage on E. Ninth-st.

## ASK NORTON TO RUN

Over one hundred West-side business organizations plan to circulate nominating petitions for attorney Miner G. Norton if he decides to run for mayor.

The organizations Tuesday night in a letter asked Norton to run. The letter was signed by B. B. Chapman, president of the Webber Co. and Albert G. Daykin of Daykin Bros., plumbers. Norton is expected to decide by the end of the week.

## JACK BAKER CAN'T EAT WITH PA AT Y. M. C. A.

Jack Baker, son of the mayor, can't eat with his father even if he does attend the Father and Son banquer New Year's night at the East End Y. M. C. A., where he is a member, because Mayor Baker is going to be too busy speechifying to eat anywhere except on the fly.

The three sons of General Secretary Lewis of the Y. M. C. A. may fare better. They are members of the East End branch, too, and will attend the banquet there. Their father will wind up his speaking tour of the different branch buildings at the East End and may have time to grab a bite with his boys.

Baker and Lewis are the chief guests at the six banquets to be held at six branch buildings.

## WAGE EARNERS OF FAMILIES ARE TO GET WORK FIRST

### Preferred List of Men Whose Need of Employment is Most Urgent to Be Made Out.

A preferred list of men whose need of work is most urgent, is to be part of the plan city officials, social workers and the Cleveland Foundation, are seeking to work out to relieve distress due to unemployment.

While city officials and social workers were discussing methods for relief John Kelly, restaurant proprietor, 131 W. Prospect avenue, was completing plans for a parade of the unemployed. At the same time, suffragist leaders were filing protests against the "hire-a-man" movement inaugurated by the State City Free Employment Bureau. They say the "hire-a-man" movement is a discrimination against women.

### Family Heads Come First.

Men who are the sole wage-earners in families will be aided first in finding work, according to the plans being developed by the survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation. The plan includes the establishment of branch employment stations in various parts of the city, so men once registered at the City Hall will not be forced to walk long distances to learn whether there are any positions open.

W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the State-City Free Employment Exchange, was instructed to work out details for establishing a preferred list of unemployed men.

The survey committee held two meetings yesterday, the first one at the office of the Cleveland Foundation, E. 6th street and St. Clair avenue, and the second in the office of Mayor Baker.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Labor participated in the second meeting. Employment of jobless men on public work wherever possible was urged. According to Mayor Baker no definite action was taken.

### 2,000 Expected in Parade.

The parade of unemployed men arranged by Kelley will start at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is expected 2,000 men will march to Acme Hall, 2146 E. 9th street, where a mass meeting will be held.

The line of march will be from W. 3d street to Superior avenue, east on Superior to the Public Square, to Euclid avenue to E. 9th street and south on E. 9th street to Acme Hall. Kelley fed several hundred men on Christmas day.

Official efforts to relieve the distress due to unemployment are expected to be in shape for definite action Saturday. At that time a meeting of the council committee on labor, the county commissioners and the city board of control will be held in the city council chamber. Recommendations of the Cleveland Foundation survey committee will be submitted at that time. Charles E. Adams, F. H. Goff, Myrta L. Jones, Thomas Fitzsimmons and James R. Garfield are members of the survey committee. The recommendations are being drawn up by Allen T. Burns, secretary of the Cleveland Foundation.

## BAKER TO NAME BODY TO STUDY STATE TAXATION

A commission of citizens to make a study of Ohio taxation laws is to be named by Mayor Baker within the next few days, in accordance with a resolution by the city council. The commission will make recommendations to the General Assembly of the state.

Readjustment of city, state and county finances, with home rule taxation, would give Ohio cities increased revenues in the opinion of representatives of civic organizations who have appeared before the council committee on appropriations. A commission named by Governor O'Connell to survey the financial needs of cities will report next month.

## FRIENDS PUT SULZMANN INTO MAYORALTY RACE

Petitions nominating John M. Sulzmann, former councilman, as a candidate for mayor, have been in circulation for several weeks, it developed yesterday. Sulzmann says the circulation of the petitions was not authorized by him, but that he will get into the race if assured undivided party support.

"I have no ambitions along this line. In fact the game doesn't look good to me," said Sulzmann last night. "If popular sentiment should make it advisable, however, I will get into the race."

Sulzmann said he had no knowledge of the circulation of the petitions until yesterday.



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## WANT SULZMANN FOR MAYOR BERTH

**Democrats Issue Papers in Favor of Former Councilman of City.**

**Ohio Northern Graduates Here to Send Men to Inauguration.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Although petitions bearing his name as a candidate for mayor were put in circulation yesterday, John M. Sulzmann, former councilman, said last night he was not yet in the race.

"I have made it plain that I am not a candidate," he said. "Petitions have been put out by some twenty-five of my friends, unsolicited by me, and I understand between them they have gathered about 10,000 names."

"I haven't given the matter of candidacy a serious thought. I would not be a candidate unless there should be a proper demand and I could have the undivided support of my party."

Mr. Sulzmann, who is a cigar manufacturer at 6802 Superior-av N. E., has a Democratic strength of his own, which he could count on to produce votes for him in a contest.

He is, however, an organization Democrat, and party men do not believe he would make the race in face of a probability that the Democratic county organization will line up behind Peter Witt.

Every day there are indications which cause Democrats to renew their predictions that the organization, when the time for fighting arrives, will be back of Mr. Witt. The conviction is becoming more general that Mayor Newton D. Baker will declare for the traction commissioner.

Cleveland graduates and ex-students of Ohio Northern university, at Ada, will furnish delegations for the Ohio Northern university reunion at Columbus, which is to be a feature of the inauguration of Governor-elect Frank B. Willis. Mr. Willis was a student and teacher at Ohio Northern.

Arrangements for taking a delegation from here to Columbus for the inaugural festivities is in charge of Winfield Worline, American Trust building. It is expected about 125 Clevelanders to whom Ohio Northern university is alma mater, will make the trip.

Word reaches here of plans for delegations from Cincinnati and Toledo, and it was said yesterday Ohio Northern alumni in Pennsylvania will go to the inauguration by special train.

State representatives-elect of Cuyahoga county were notified yesterday of a minority house caucus to be held in Columbus Tuesday afternoon, and began planning to leave Cleveland Saturday morning.

The caucus will be to select a minority house floor leader and to discuss minor positions.

The support of the Cuyahoga county delegation probably will go to John F. Kramer of Richland county for floor leader.

"I and other members feel very friendly toward Mr. Kramer," said State Representative Stephen M. Young.

Suffragists yesterday posted on the bulletin board at their party headquarters, 1706 Euclid-av, a list of the legislators-elect of this county, pointing out how they stand on the question of suffrage. Letters were sent to the men named on June 18 and July 3, the bulletin stated, asking them to say whether they favored suffrage. This is the report on the letters as posted yesterday:

"State senators—Herman Fellingner, did not answer; E. J. Hopple, signed petition, did not wish to state his position; James S. Kennedy, did not answer; Charles A. Mooney, did not answer; D. L. Sutter, did not answer.

"State representatives—Norman R. Bliss, did not answer; Edward F. Bohm, did not answer; Herbert B. Briggs, in favor of suffrage; John H. Brown, in favor of suffrage; Sam B. Fitzsimmons, in favor of suffrage; William H. Hasselman, in favor of suffrage; Philip Hyle, did not answer; John A. Kohl, undecided; Joseph Lustig, did not answer; A. E. Merkel, did not answer; Virgil J. Terrell, in favor

of suffrage; M. J. Walsh, in favor of suffrage; Stephen M. Young, in favor of suffrage.

"All are members of the Democratic party," the report concluded.

## OPPOSES MEASURE HITTING AT ALIENS

**Cleveland Federation Scores Law Barring Foreign-Born From Public Works.**

**Approves Committee's Work in Receiving Teachers' President.**

At the quarterly meeting of the Cleveland Federation of Labor last night the legislative committee reported against the passing of a law prohibiting employment of aliens in public work and refused to sanction the proposed law of the American Federation of Labor not to allow the employment of labor brought in from an outside state.

The report was read by Thomas S. Farrell, secretary and business agent of the federation. It was sanctioned by a three-quarters vote of delegates in attendance.

The report also included the feasibility of incorporating in future bond issues a provision providing for employment of resident labor in connection with bond issues.

In reading the report of the legislative committee Secretary Farrell reported that with others he had appeared by invitation before the council body to aid in suggesting means to alleviate the city's financial difficulties.

Delegates voiced their approval of the action of the executive committee in receiving Marie Claus, president of the Grade Teachers' club, who asked their aid in obtaining union rights for teachers.

The action of Mayor Baker in appointing a committee to investigate tax conditions in the city was approved. Tonight there will be meetings of the plasterers' union, carpenters' district council and painters' district council.

## SEES CITY'S NEED OF LONDON TRAMS

**Councilman Urges Study of English System to Displace Street Cars.**

**Motor Bus Lines Are Most Modern Transportation Means, He Says.**

To place the city in a position where it will be prepared to compete with the Cleveland Railway Co., in the event such a step becomes advisable, Councilman J. W. Reynolds announced yesterday he would ask the department of public service to study the trackless tramway system of London in connection with a general survey of the city rapid transit problem.

"This survey should be made during the coming year," said Councilman Reynolds yesterday. "Data will be obtained from London and other cities by the municipal reference library. It seems to me that if motor buses are the coming thing we should consider the establishment of this service before setting out to buy the Cleveland Railway system at a cost of \$30,000,000."

"If there is a clash between the city and company on the operation policy, or if it appears that the spirit of the Taylor grant is not being complied with, the city should be in a position to consider competition. If it would cost \$5,000,000 to establish a municipal motor bus system I would favor submitting the question of establishing such a system to the people of Cleveland as an alternate to the plan of buying the equipment of the Cleveland Railway at a cost of \$30,000,000."

Reports in the municipal reference library contain quotations from an address by Horace Boat, delivered at the institute of municipal engineering some time ago in England. Mr. Boat asserted that the capital required for this service was one-seventh as great as that required for the track systems. The London company owns its own factory and operates its own garages.

The city council some months ago authorized the Cleveland Railway Co. to purchase three motor buses as an experiment. They have been in use on Noble-rd in East Cleveland. Members of council who have watched their operation claim they have no demonstrated that this type of service can be used successfully in Cleveland.

"I don't believe that this test shows anything either one way or the other," said Councilman Reynolds yesterday. "The buses must be placed in a section of Cleveland where business is obtainable before any state ments can be made. I don't believe the company's use of the buses should be considered by the city in its own study of the problem."

Councilman Reynolds believes the proposed rapid transit survey also should include a study of subways and overhead railroad systems. In his opinion the city should be ready to take up this problem by submission of bond issue proposals to the people if the subway company does not start work on its first line in 1915.



## CHAMBER JOINS MOVE TO HELP CITY'S JOBLESS

Delay in formation of a co-operative plan for relief of Cleveland's unemployed Thursday resulted in independent action by the chamber of commerce, Employment Commissioner Hennessy and council labor committee.

Chamber officials announced they would rush to immediate completion the report by the committee on industrial development, showing actual labor conditions in Cleveland. The report is to be ready Saturday. An appeal to members to respond to its recommendations for finding jobs will be made at once.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy, Thursday, put into use a \$300 emergency appropriation for the state-city free labor bureau in a campaign to create neighborhood "hire-a-worker" clubs, to appeal to 5000 employers and to canvass for out-of-town work.

### Try to Rush Public Work.

The council labor committee Thursday announced a meeting of city and county officials at council chamber Saturday at 2 p. m. for a lineup of public work which can be rushed to provide employment at once.

Meantime, Mayor Baker stated representatives of civic bodies will meet Saturday with the survey committee of the Cleveland foundation to discuss a plan of crystallizing relief activities.

Hennessy's plans include mailing of 5000 postcards to all employers of five or more workers in the city.

Every discharged worker who applies at the state-city bureau is to be given a letter to his former employer, asking that he be re-hired, as a community duty of the employer.

### Federal Bureau to Aid.

United States Immigration Inspector Fluckey, in charge of the new farm-labor bureau in the federal building, Thursday promised Hennessy co-operation.

Over 450 applications for work were filed at the state-city bureau from Wednesday noon to Thursday noon. There were 56 calls for workers in the same period. Forty-nine were filled.

Commissioner Hennessy appealed for city-wide support of citizens in his effort to have "hire-a-worker" neighborhood clubs formed at once.

"Ten citizens could band together and pay a man or woman \$2 a day to do hundreds of odd jobs about their homes," Hennessy said. "A \$2-a-day job would be a lifesaver for thousands."

## TO PLAN INCREASE IN CITY REVENUES

Gov. Cox's commission to make a report on ways to increase the revenues of cities will meet in Columbus Wednesday and make a rough draft of its recommendations.

"We will recommend a more equitable division between the state and cities of taxes collected in cities," said Finance Director Coughlin, a member of the commission, Thursday. "The theory of Cleveland and several other cities furnishing the bulk of the revenue for country districts is wrong."

Mayor Baker next week will name a committee of 15 citizens to suggest to council an ideal plan of tax reform.

## EXPERTS SPLIT ON WAYS TO AID CITY'S JOBLESS

### Organizations Differ on Way Situation Should Be Hand- led by State-City Bureau

Serious differences of opinion as to the scope of the unemployed situation in Cleveland cropped out Thursday among members of the Cleveland Foundation survey committee, Allen T. Burns, the committee's director; Munson Havens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and officials of the city-state free employment agency, and bid fair to impede plans to put Cleveland workers back on their feet.

Every effort was made to keep the real condition in the background, and plans for committee meetings Saturday afternoon to alleviate the unemployed situation progressed. Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. Mayor Baker is to meet with representatives of more than a score of civic organizations and the survey committee, while council labor committee, with Councilman Dittick as chairman, is to make a start on its investigation.

### Blame Survey

To the survey of W. F. Hennessy, head of the city-state bureau, in which he figured 61,000 Clevelanders are out of work, is laid the blame. At a meeting late Wednesday of the survey committee at the Cleveland Trust Company considerable lack of harmony is said to have resulted. Havens, the report had it Thursday, disputed Hennessy's figures and claimed they were sky high. F. H. Goff, head of the trust company and backer of the foundation idea, it is said, took an opposite stand. Burns' plan for semi-decentralization of the city-state bureau was not approved at the meeting, nor later by Mayor Baker when laid before him by Goff.

He insisted on a meeting Saturday with a larger body present. Baker, however, did not totally disagree with the plan.

Changes in details must be made before the plan is put in effect. Officials of the city-state bureau will insist that every worker be compelled to register at the headquarters, Rockwell avenue and East 3d. street; Burns' plan does not make this compulsory. The suggestion to notify

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workers that jobs are available, from fire engine houses and district headquarters—the city is to be divided into districts with organizations in charge—meets with city approval, however.

City-state officials said they would not tolerate any plan that would virtually decapitate them.

Hennessy Thursday wrote to Columbus to obtain from the state industrial commission the names and addresses of every Cleveland employer of five or more men. Cards will be sent them—an order for 4,000 was got up Thursday—asking them to make a survey of their own shop and put back to work some of the men they laid off or cut down on time.

## DEMOCRATS MAY SPLIT UP OVER WITT CANDIDACY

### Chairman Bulkley Refuses to Play, Regarding Tractioner as Press' Man

An open split in the Democratic party with Congressman Bulkley and Mayor Baker heading opposing factions is threatened because of the mayoralty tangle growing out of the announcement of Traction Commissioner Witt that he will be a candidate and his implication that he expects the Democratic executive committee to get behind him.

Although Baker never has committed himself, it is known that Witt is Baker's choice. As an act of courtesy to Bulkley, chairman of the executive committee, Baker declared he believed Bulkley should have something to say in the selection of a mayoralty candidate. At that time Baker took it for granted that Bulkley would let him do the picking and that as executive committee chairman Bulkley would act only as Baker's mouthpiece.

### Bulkley Has Reason to Fight

But Bulkley has not run according to schedule. Witt supporters fear he won't. Anti-Witt members of the committee—and they are said to be in the majority—are jubilant.

Democratic politicians who want to do the candidate picking feel that Witt has broken away from them and from the organization and that he is distinctly a candidate of the Cleveland Press. Bulkley, as chairman of the committee, has a deep-seated resentment toward the Press because of the campaign it made against him last fall and which resulted in his defeat for renomination for congress. Now, Democratic leaders say, Bulkley isn't going to do anything that will help the Press-Witt campaign. He's going just as far as possible in preventing Witt's indorsement by the committee and his nomination as the regular party candidate.

The entrance of John M. Sulzmann into the race Thursday is part of the game to kill Witt.

With the announcement of Witt's candidacy, labor officials at once declared he would not have the support of labor. Sulzmann can have that support, labor men say. So the plan now is to have Sulzmann line up the labor vote and his individual strength, while County Clerk Haserodt, looked most favorably upon by the executive committee, lines up his forces. The committee then will tell Witt that he can't hold the Democratic vote, and ask him to withdraw. If he refuses, the committee plans to force him out of the race as the Democratic can-

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didate. This would make Witt an independent candidate.

### Pick Haserodt to Win

If this program is carried out, Sulzmann-Haserodt strength will be weighed and an agreement reached. Sulzmann, it was said Thursday, will be perfectly willing to quit the race and throw his strength to Haserodt or any other candidate. Haserodt looked upon as the logical candidate because of the way he conducted his fall's campaign. It is believed, however, that he would quit the race shown that some other Democrat had a better chance to win.

Members of the committee decided that unless Baker can be forced to fight as a compromise candidate they are not going to pay much attention to his wishes. They decided they are going to nominate a man they believe can win. And they waste no words in declaring they don't think Witt can.



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## CITY TO CONSIDER AIDING WORKROOM FOR LOCAL WOMEN

Plan for Assisting Jobless Among  
Members of Weaker Sex Per-  
haps Will Become Part of  
General Relief Program.

The proposal to establish an emer-  
gency workroom for women which  
women's organizations have been  
urging, may be made a part of the  
general unemployment relief plan be-  
ing worked out by city and county  
officials and social workers.

Miss Genevieve Cline, president of  
the Cleveland Federation of Wo-  
men's Clubs, which is arranging to  
open such a workroom in the down-  
town section, received assurances  
yesterday that such action is being  
considered.

Miss Cline, with Mrs. N. Stone

Scott and Miss Katherine Weber,  
president of the Woman's Associa-  
tion of Commerce, announced yester-  
day that they expect to open the  
workroom next week, or possibly to-  
morrow.

A conference of city and county of-  
ficials, the council committee on la-  
bor and the survey committee of the  
Cleveland Foundation, in the city  
council chamber tomorrow afternoon,  
is to consider an unemployment relief  
plan now being worked out.

The woman suffrage party and  
women's organizations have protested  
that plans have not included relief  
for unemployed women, and it is ex-  
pected a special committee to take  
care of the woman's unemployment  
problem will be named at the confer-  
ence.

While officials and experts are seek-  
ing a means to aid the unemployed, a  
parade of several thousand unem-  
ployed men will be held today, with  
a mass meeting at Acme Hall, E. 9th  
street, where the unemployed men  
themselves will offer suggestions to  
relieve the situation.

## FLAT BLAST DUE TO GAS BLOWUP; PROBE INDICATES

Council Committee Likely Will  
Report Monday That Explosion  
Wrecked Madison Avenue  
Apartment, Killing 11.

An explosion of gas probably will  
be blamed by an investigating com-  
mittee of the city council for the  
wrecking of an apartment house at  
11616 Madison avenue, in which eleven  
lives were lost three weeks ago.

Councilman Kalina, chairman of  
the committee, indicated that the  
committee would make this report  
after visiting the scene of a gas ex-  
plosion at 512 Harvard avenue yester-  
day.

Kalina said the effects of the Har-  
vard avenue explosion appeared sim-  
ilar to the Madison avenue disaster.  
He previously had expressed the be-  
lief that the wrecking of the Madison  
avenue house had been due to an un-  
known high explosive.

The committee was unable to inter-  
view Henry Haner, photographer,  
who is one of the survivors of the  
disaster at German Hospital yester-  
day. If Haner's testimony can be  
taken Monday the committee likely  
will submit a report to the council  
Monday night.

An investigation of recent explo-  
sions in conduits in city streets also  
will be started by the committee. It  
probably will recommend legislation  
requiring frequent inspection.

## WHISTLES BLOW, CHIMES ECHO AS 1914 FADES OUT

Auto Horns Honk, Bells Ring,  
Merrymakers Sing in Ho-  
tels and Cafes While  
1915 Arrives.

Many Gather in Churches for  
Prayer and Watch Dawn  
of Another Twelve  
Months.

THEATERS DRAW GREAT  
AUDIENCES FOR EVENING

Chamber of Commerce Mem-  
bers Hold Party of  
Their Own.

He went according to schedule, did  
old 1914.

Parading the streets in masquer-  
ade, dining amid surroundings of  
mirthful color in cafes and hotels,  
worshiping at watch services, watch-  
ing entertainments at clubs—in some  
one of these fashions Cleveland  
wished the old gentleman good by.

Shortly before midnight noise mak-  
ers appeared and the new year was  
greeted with a blast that might have  
frightened 1914's successor had the  
cherub been timid.

The revel was one of the most  
spontaneous and jolly in Cleveland's  
history, according to hotel managers,  
the police and old residents. As a  
big clock in the Public square  
boomed out the first stroke of mid-  
night, whistles and sirens began a  
sonorous blast, street car bells  
clanged and automobile horns honked.  
Noise makers of every conceivable  
type in the hands and at the lips  
of paper-capped diners in the cafes  
loaned their discordant notes.

Theaters Thronged.

Playhouses were thronged. Most  
of them gave two performances.  
Special dinners were served in all  
hotels, restaurants and grills. Live-  
ly music and the antics of cabaret  
entertainers added their share to the  
night's jollification.

Bars closed at midnight, but pat-  
rons of the cafes were allowed to  
linger at the tables after that hour.  
Musicians continued to play after  
midnight.

There were special dinners and  
entertainments in all clubs. Mem-  
bers of the Chamber of Commerce  
and Chamber of Industry had spe-  
cial attractions.

Roger Enwright started things  
moving at the Chamber of Com-  
merce. Mr. Enwright paraded  
through the chamber auditorium  
with a little German band at his  
heels. He used a curtain pole for a  
drum major's baton.

Later the chamber men watched  
Cleveland receive its regional bank.  
Uncle Sam came into the auditorium  
carrying a bank. At his heels were  
three figures representing Cincinnati,  
Pittsburg and Mayor Newton D.  
Baker. All were demanding the bank.

Baker Gets Bank.

Uncle Sam gave the bank to the  
figure representing the mayor, which  
was taken by W. W. Smith.

Next curtains were drawn to dis-  
close the front of a cafe. A black-  
coated dominie, labeled "Dr. Lear-  
ney," hesitated and entered the place.  
Within the place were Roscoe Geller,  
R. F. Allen, L. B. Emerman and  
Henry Long, members of the Stroll-  
ers' club. They entertained with  
"white face" minstrel antics.

These men sang:  
Happy New Year, fellow members,  
Happy New Year to you;  
Happy New Year, fellow members,  
May the world go well with you.  
Goodby to the hard times,  
Life will be serene—  
Here's a happy, happy, happy New  
Year.

In nineteen-fifteen.  
At a minute before midnight a  
bugler sounded taps: The lights went  
out and 1915 was flashed in electric

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Friday

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lights. The bugler sounded reveille, and the party was over.

In the Chamber of Industry, Franklin-av N. W. near W. 25th-st, Dr. James Hedley, humorist, lectured, and a group of girls typified the twelve months of the year in "tableaux vivants."

The old year died in darkness in several theaters while audiences waited until footlights flashed announcement of the new year. Special programs past the midnight hour were given at the Hippodrome, the Metropolitan, the Empire and the Star. At the Duchess the evening performance ended at 11:30 p. m.

Two performances were given at the Hippodrome last night, the second starting at 9:15 p. m. and continuing until midnight. A special vaudeville performance followed the regular production of "The Ghost Breaker" at the Metropolitan.

All the noise making devices of the stage were turned loose at the Metropolitan as the lights flashed out the new year. Revolver shots and thunder and crashing music by the orchestra made the welcome bedlam. An electric sign on the stage flashed "Welcome, 1915," and the orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne" as the show ended.

De Wolf Hopper, playing at the Colonial this week, entertained a dozen members of his company at a midnight dinner and watch party at the Colonial hotel.

Symbolical characters ushered the old year out and the new year in at the Young Men's Business club, 2738 Prospect-av S. E. Father Time, represented by J. H. Pritchard, presented The Present, Lee E. Skeel. E. J. Freer then appeared as The Future. Reviews of the club's progress and its present condition and prophecies of the future were given

by the characters.

Lights in the big house were turned out just before the minute hand reached 12 and were flashed on as the new year dawned. A large electric sign also blazed a welcome.

Six hundred guests were entertained by the club. An orchestra gave an extended musical program. Vaudeville sketches were given by club members and by actors from theaters. Luncheon was served at midnight.

Many churches held services and there were socials given under the auspices of church organizations.

The litany was said and holy communion was celebrated at Trinity cathedral, Euclid-av and E. 22d-st, at 11:45 p. m. Very Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, dean of the cathedral, preached a sermon. Similar services were held in other Episcopal churches.

While older members of the People's Methodist church, Bridge-av N. W. and W. 65th-st, were attending a solemn watch night service after the custom originated by John Wesley, father of the denomination, young people of the congregation were holding a party in the summer home of a member at Chagrin Falls. The church service began at 9:30 p. m. and was conducted by Rev. M. J. Keyes, pastor, who gave a history of the Methodist New Year's eve service.

Among other churches where watch services were held were Broadway Methodist church, Broadway S. E. and Gallup-av, under the direction of Rev. Elmer E. Pearce, pastor; the Windermere Methodist church, Euclid and Holyoke-avs, East Cleveland, and at the Eighth Reformed church, 2409 Willowdale-ave S. W.

Members of the Electrical league of Cleveland and their friends were entertained at a party in the club rooms in The Hollenden. The celebration began at 2 p. m. when the rooms were thrown open. Vaudeville stunts were furnished by members. Carl Beebe entertained with Hawaiian melodies.

Two public balls were given, one

at Hotel Statler and the other at Anderson's dancing academy, 6124 Euclid-av, by St. Joseph's guild. Mrs. J. D. Cantillon was hostess. She was assisted by Miss Mary Harks, 1264 E. 84th-st; Miss Magdalene Daley, 10813 Grantwood-av N. E., and Miss Bernadette Storey, 1419 Addison-rd N. E.

Predicting a new civilization to a New Year's eve crowd in the Central Y. M. C. A. building, Prospect-av S. E. and E. 22d-st, Robert E. Lewis, general secretary, discussed the war and its probable effects. The new order, Mr. Lewis said, will come out of the war.

Mr. Lewis explained he drew this conclusion from his knowledge of the results of the Boxer uprising in China where he was stationed at the time of that upheaval.

The association's military band entertained with a concert. It was the organization's first public appearance. In addition there were motion pictures, orchestra music, swimming contests and games in the gymnasium.

Tonight three generations of the Teachout family will be present at a father and son banquet in the association building. They are A. R. Teachout, his son, David W. Teachout, and two sons of the latter, Mr. Lewis' father and the secretary's five sons will attend the banquet. Mayor Newton D. Baker has promised to be present. Other banquets will be held at branches of the association.

A parade of men out of work is scheduled for this morning. It will start at 9:30 from the Marine restaurant of J. F. Kelley, 131 Prospect-av N. W., and will be headed by Mr. and Mrs. Kelley.

The line of march is to W. 3d-st, to Superior-av N. W., to E. 9th-st, south to Woodland-av S. E., to Ontario-st and to the Adams hotel, Public square, where a mass meeting will be held.

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City and county officials, social workers, club women, labor leaders and business men will meet in council chamber this afternoon to formulate some definite employment relief plan. Recommendations formulated by the survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation will be considered.

### Aid Volunteered.

If the city refuses to appropriate money to buy the necessary beds and bedding for the municipal lodging house, McGinty says he will appeal to individuals for contributions to carry out the plan. Several persons, he declares, have already volunteered financial aid.

The old general hospital building, Woodland avenue near E. 22d street, was acquired by the city three years ago as a social center, but never has been used for any purpose since, except to house a caretaker on the city payroll.

McGinty has figures showing that from sixty to one hundred homeless men are being sheltered each night in cell rooms at police headquarters, where they are forced to sleep on bare boards. Almost as many more are housed in precinct stations.

J. B. Vining, commissioner of charities and corrections, says he has been assured that individuals will pay for lighting and heating, if the old hospital building is thrown open to homeless men.

### To Complete Plan.

The council chamber conference was called by the council committee on labor, of which Councilman Dittrick is chairman.

Efforts to complete a relief plan for the unemployment situation at conferences of the survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation and city officials on Thursday, failed, but it is expected some plan will be adopted today.

Councilmen favor pushing of public improvements which will give employment to several hundred men at a time, as one means of relieving the situation.

Dittrick will urge the giving of contracts for public work to Cleveland firms, so Cleveland workmen may be given employment, as one means of solving the problem.

A mass meeting and parade of unemployed men, who are seeking to aid in the relief plan, was held yesterday under the direction of John Kelley, proprietor of a restaurant and lodging house at 131 W. Prospect avenue. The parade, which ended at Adams hall on the Public Square, was headed by Mr. and Mrs. Kelley.

### Banners Flaunted.

One huge banner carried by four men, read: "These men built your homes, factories and these magnificent buildings, streets and sidewalks which you enjoy and admire. Why not help them get a home?"

The banner was significant of the plan the Kelleys are urging, that of establishing a model home for workmen, where accommodations can be afforded for a charge of fifteen cents a night, with clean beds and cheerful surroundings.

Another banner carried in the parade read: "We want work, not charity." About 500 men were in line.

Rev. J. L. Boyer, pastor of the Colliwood Methodist Church, who established a free soup and coffee kitchen for men in the basement of the church last week, last night hotly opposed the stand of James F. Jackson, of the Associated Charities, who criticizes soup kitchens for the hungry.

Rev. Boyer takes issue with Jackson on the latter's assertion that free meals accentuate suffering rather than relieve it.

## CITY WILL ASK FOR NEW R. R. BRIDGES ACROSS CUYAHOGA

Opening of Upper River for Navigation Requires Changes on W. & L. E. and Newburg & South Shore.

City engineers are preparing to ask officials of the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Newburg & South Shore railroads to prepare plans for new bridges across the Cuyahoga River. The opening of the upper river for navigation makes changes necessary.

The railroads now cross the river on low level bridges. Lift, or swinging bridges, will have to be substituted. Assistant Engineer Thomas, in charge of rivers and harbors, estimates that the changes will cost the railroads approximately a half million dollars.

### Franchise Requirement.

Thomas says that the franchise agreement with the railroads provides that bridges shall be built in accordance with plans of the city. The United States government also has power to force changes in bridges, so that they will not interfere with navigation.

Development of the upper river is

being carried on by private capital. The entire channel from the Clark avenue high level bridge to the Denison-Harvard bridge is being relocated. A straight cut was made through a high hill which was in the path of the improvement.

Work was started more than a year ago and the course of the river will be completely diverted during the coming year, Thomas says. The two railroad bridges will have to be rebuilt and the river widened at other points before boats can proceed as far as the Denison-Harvard bridge, according to engineers.

### Straightening Plans.

Plans for the straightening of the lower river and the elimination of Collision and Irishtown bends have also been worked out.

The federal government was asked to pay half of the cost but declined until a further study could be made. Congress has refused a \$5,000 appropriation for engineering work necessary in connection with the study. A part of the river straightening project will be carried out when a third high level bridge is built at Lorain avenue, with bonds voted at the last election.

## WILL URGE CITY LODGING HOUSE IN COUNCIL TODAY

McGinty to Propose Using  
Idle Hospital Building as  
"Home" for Jobless.

## RELIEF WORKERS TO MEET

Five Hundred Unemployed Men  
Parade Through Streets  
in Public Appeal.

An emergency appropriation to convert the old Cleveland General Hospital into a municipal lodging house for homeless and unemployed men will be urged today by Councilman McGinty, at a city hall conference on the unemployment situation.

For the immediate relief of the growing army of unemployed arrangements have been completed to handle a larger crowd than ever today, on the third morning since the establishment of The Cleveland News "coffee and roll" line. More than 2,000 hungry men were served the first morning, and an equally large crowd was cared for yesterday

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## Jobless Army Greeted by Empty Buildings in Downtown Section.

City Hall, Tenantless, Gives No Welcome to Unemployed.

Through empty streets, by empty buildings to the empty city hall several hundred of Cleveland's unemployed marched silently yesterday morning.

The dawn of New Year's morning found downtown Cleveland practically deserted when the parade of the Workingmen's club passed through the Public square and down Superior-av N. E. to the city hall. The banners they carried were almost unread for there were no spectators to read them.

The slow clattering of the horses of the mounted police escort was the noisiest feature of the parade. The city hall was dark and tenantless when the parade paused at its doors. As slowly and silently as it had come the parade wheeled about and marched back to Adams hall on Public square where a mass meeting was held.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, 131 Prospect-av N. W., leaders in the movement, were not discouraged by lack of spectators or the vacant city hall. The parade had been planned to show the need of a modern, sanitary and fireproof lodging house for the summer workers, laborers from the lakes and the railroad construction camps, who make Cleveland their winter quarters.

When the city council meets this afternoon to discuss the unemployed situation Kelly will appear to explain his plan for city aid to provide a new lodging house for a thousand men or more.

The winter army at the lodging houses is composed in large part of the floating labor element and is not a product of industrial depression, Kelly contends. These men, he says, gather in Cleveland every winter after spending the summer at the hardest kind of labor.

In winter out of door work ceases. They come to the cities. Under present conditions, Kelly says, they have no chance for living decently in winter and no incentive for saving.

Kelly says giving them sanitary lodgings cheaply will conserve one of the country's resources, the floating laborer who really is a necessity under present conditions.

## SEEKS U. S. ROAD AS AID FOR WAR

Councilman Would Petition Congress to Build Trans-Continental Tracks.

Baker Originates Idea After Noting Result of German Lines.

Construction of a four-track government railroad as a means of defense in time of war, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, will be urged in a petition to congress if a suggestion to be made by Councilman J. W. Reynolds at a public meeting in the city council chamber this afternoon is approved by those in attendance.

The meeting has been called by Councilman A. R. Dittick, chairman of the council committee on labor, for the consideration of the present labor and industrial conditions.

The suggestion for a railroad came from Mayor Newton D. Baker. In his opinion the European war has demonstrated means of rapid transit are of greater military service to a country than fortifications. The rapid movements of the German army in dealing with the Russian and French and English situations were instanced by him.

Councilman Reynolds will propose at today's meeting that the mayor, councilmen, county commissioners and other citizens sign a petition to congress urging construction of the line, which might also be used to aid commerce in time of peace and to give unemployed work.

Mayor Baker believes the railroad should be constructed without regard to the location of cities. Its construction would be left entirely to the war department and its engineers.

"I believe cities should be avoided," said the mayor. "The government should not have to deal with terminals. Cities and states could build the spurs."

Councilman Dittick believes plans for booming the industries of Cleveland should be discussed at today's meeting. "I would like to see manufacturers of Cleveland get together on a foreign advertising campaign," he said.

## WOULD EDUCATE TO CHECK CRIME

Mayor Says Police on Corners Should Do Missionary Work.

Baker is Opposed to Repressive Methods by Safety Heads.

"Educational rather than repressive methods must be used to remedy conditions that have resulted in Cleveland's crime wave" says Mayor Newton D. Baker. He continued:

"A policeman could be stationed on each corner in the city and it would do no good if there was no effort to educate those who are committing the crimes."

"I like the idea of training young men for police service. It is a hopeful idea. I wish the city could carry the plan into execution."

Appointment of police cadets who would be trained to preventive work has long been advocated by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch and Chief of Police W. S. Rowe.

Director Benesch believes the police could co-operate with school teachers and become acquainted with the schoolboys who are considered the ringleaders of street crowds.

The sum of \$100,000 for the appointment of additional police was asked for by Director Benesch in the 1915 budget, but council committees have not granted the increase. The director had planned to appoint 75 or 100 police cadets.

## NEW HEALTH CODE BROAD

Revised Law Waits Action of City Council.

Work on the recodification of Cleveland's sanitary code has been completed by Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, and the ordinance embracing all changes is ready for introduction.

Not only will the new code govern general sanitary conditions in yards, alleys and streets, but it also will contain sections dealing with the maintenance of buildings used for factory and workshop purposes, theaters, tenements, barber shops, public baths and dwellings.

The new code links the work of the bureau of sanitation with the bureau of housing maintenance, and if the plan favored by council is adopted the entire bureau will be transferred from the welfare department to the department of public safety. It has been suggested regular police report to the bureau all violations that fall within their notice.

One section of the code will deal with the handling of food products exposed for sale and there also will be provisions regarding the adulteration of foods. This section has been prepared by City Chemist Wilbur White.

## GIVES RIVER SUBWAY COST

City Engineer's Report to Council to Explain Feasibility.

A report from City Engineer Robert Hoffman, showing the cost and feasibility of constructing a tunnel for rapid transit street car service beneath the new channel of the river at the intersection with Scranton-rd S. W., will be called for in a resolution to council Monday night by Councilman David Moylan.

The new river channel will follow a course in the middle portion of the lower Cuyahoga valley. It is believed the relocation of the channel will make the construction of a subway under the river a possibility. In the opinion of the city engineer the subway would be largely a street railway proposition.

"I cannot say whether the plan would be feasible until I have studied the question," he said. "I believe that even if a subway were constructed for street car service it would be necessary to have a bridge over the new channel to care for street traffic."



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## BUSINESS INCREASE SHOWN BY CHAMBER

A marked revival of business in Cleveland and increased efforts by employers to relieve the unemployment stringency were shown in a report made public Saturday by the industrial development committee of the chamber of commerce.

The committee's canvass of 208 businesses shows every business, with one exception, employed more workers in November than in October.

The iron and steel industry, in volume of business done, jumped from 62.2 per cent in October to 73.8 per cent in November. Percentages are figured on a basis of 100 per cent in 1913.

Textile manufacturing also showed an increase from 75.8 per cent in October to 87.3 in November. Manufacturers of automobiles and auto parts are working

overtime on war contracts, the report shows.

Anticipation of a strong upward pull in general business is causing employers to carry on their payrolls a larger number of employees than the present volume of business actually being done warrants, the committee stated.

Employers followed the recommendation of the committee, made in October's report, that working hours be shortened in order to give more workers employment, according to the data on hours of work.

These are the committee's figures on the percentage of volume of business done in November, 1914, as compared with 100 per cent in November, 1913:

Retail business, 100.6 per cent; wholesale, 90; iron and steel,

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73.8; autos and auto parts, 97.8; textile manufacturing, 87.3; builders supplies, 97.8; miscellaneous, 95.9.

### Steel Trade Revives.

This shows the biggest depression has come in the iron and steel industry, which, however, is climbing rapidly, according to the comparisons of October with November. The committee's report concludes:

"At a time when so many impressions are abroad which tend to make the business man pessimistic, we are pleased indeed to be able to present this report, which we believe is an indication of an improvement and a revival of business."

T. C. Wellsted, industrial commissioner of the chamber, announced the industrial development committee will broaden its canvass of business in its next report, covering December.

### To Discuss Report.

The chamber's report will be discussed Monday at a meeting of Mayor Baker and the survey committee of the Cleveland foundation, with other leaders, in the effort to bring relief to the thousands of unemployed men and women.

Council committee on labor and county commissioners were to meet Saturday at 2 p. m. in council chamber to line up public work which can be done soon to give jobs to both men and women. Miss Genevieve Cline, president of the federation of women's clubs, was to urge the need of finding work for women.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy Saturday reported a total of 562 calls for men and women workers have been sent to the state-city free labor bureau in the city hall within the last two weeks.

In the same period 3547 applications for work were filed. Of the 2200 applications now on file 1466 are those of unemployed persons who have from one to 12 dependents. Single men on the list number 734.

## LODGING HOUSE PLANS DEVELOP

Solution of the many lodging house problem was expected as a result of a meeting in the city hall Saturday.

Mayor Baker, county commissioners, social workers, labor leaders and business men were to meet with council to talk over two plans suggested.

Councilman McGinty will urge an emergency appropriation to convert the old Cleveland general hospital, Woodland-av near E. 22d-st, into a many lodging house immediately.

John Kelley, restaurant owner, 131 Prospect-av, will lay before the meeting his plans for a 2500-room lodging house, the site to be given by the city and the building built by popular subscription and run on a self-supporting basis.

Kelley, Friday morning, led an army of several hundred unemployed men from his restaurant through the square to the city hall and back again.

## SURVEYS, BUT NO WORK FOR JOBLESS

City Conference Adjourns Without Offering Solution of Problem, Further Than Another Review.

## MAYOR DASHES HOPE OF MORE MUNICIPAL AID

Declares No New Public Activity Will Be Launched This Year.

Additional surveys, rather than relief, were promised Cleveland's unemployed at a meeting of city officials and social workers who gathered to "discuss" the problem of unemployment yesterday.

Hope that solution of the problem might be found in the immediate starting of public improvements was dispelled by Mayor Baker, who declared that no more public work would be started this year.

### Business Improving, Is Report.

Cutting down the number of hours of men who are employed in industrial lines, to permit employment of additional workers, was shown as a partial solution of the problem, in a report issued by the industrial commission of the Chamber of Commerce. This is already being tried in some lines.

Improved business conditions are indicated in the report which shows that the increase of the number of persons employed was greater during November of 1914 than it was during November, 1913, in all lines of business, except retail. Retail business, however, the report explains, is normal in comparison with 1913.

Baker told the city council committee on labor that no relief for the unemployed could be attempted until the exact situation is definitely known. He said industrial conditions were improving.

### Burns Differs With Mayor.

His contention that the city could not aid the situation because it was now doing all the public work that it could do, was opposed by Allen T. Burns, of the Cleveland Foundation.

"We must find out what the employment situation is," said Baker. "We have no real information as to the extent of unemployment, causes and the urgency of relief. A given number of men not working doesn't necessarily mean that these men should be classed as unemployed because many of them have funds and do not need aid."

W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the State-City Free Employment Exchange, said the city department heads should submit to the committee a list of contemplated public improvements. Men who are the sole wage earners in a family will be given first call in the distribution of jobs.

### "Less Music, More Work."

A. J. McFay said that the municipal orchestra should be abolished and the \$11,000 appropriation used in the street cleaning division to give employment to men.

Councilman McGinty outlined his plans for converting the old Cleveland General Hospital into a municipal lodging house at the meeting. The project was indorsed by Councilmen Reynolds and Foster.

Representatives of the Ohio Minimum Wage League argued that a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day and a reduction in working hours for city employees would go a long way toward solving the problem. An order embodying these provisions is being prepared by the league.

County Commissioner Menning announced that work on a third high level bridge could not be started at this time.

The committee will hold another meeting tomorrow. At the same time the survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation will consider the problem at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office.

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## CLINE MEN PLAN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Propose to Renew Agitation  
in Favor of Former Prosecu-  
tor for Mayor.

Democrats Abandon Date for  
Meeting of County  
Committee.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

One of the first political moves of the new year in Cleveland will be renewed activity, pending the return of John A. Cline from South America, on the part of the men who want the former prosecutor to run for mayor.

Notices were out yesterday for a meeting of the Cline boosters to be held in The Hollenden tomorrow night.

It is likely plans will be laid to have representatives see Mr. Cline immediately following his arrival home, and insist that he give a definite answer to the request made him some time ago that he become a mayoralty candidate.

The Cline forces apparently intend to continue their policy of holding closed meetings. The notices sent out

yesterday asked those who received them to present their letters at the door when they reached the meeting place.

Mr. Cline is expected back in Cleveland about Jan. 10.

Tentative plans, decided on by Democratic leaders several weeks ago, to hold a meeting of the Democratic county executive committee shortly after the end of the year, to consider the mayoralty situation, seem to have been changed.

The word now is that no meeting of the committee is in sight. It was thought when the arrangement was made originally that the committee might, at the prospective meeting, come to a decision as to the organization's position with reference to the candidacy of Peter Witt and the possibility of other entries.

"Jackson Day Orator Cyrus Locher" is the way his name will be appearing in print before long.

The county prosecutor yesterday accepted an invitation to deliver the main address at the Jackson day banquet of Lorain county Democrats in Elyria Jan. 14. Mr. Locher's subject will be "Andrew Jackson."

The prosecutor has accepted an invitation extended by Wayne county Democrats to speak at the Jackson day banquet to be held in Wooster next Friday, and had to decline an invitation to speak at another Jackson day affair at Lima.

## FINE CIVIC CONCERT GETS SMALL CROWD

Unusual Artistic Treat, With Orchestra at Its Best, Attracts Few  
Music-Lovers for Sunday Program.

BY ARCHIE BELL.

The Municipal Symphony Orchestra has never played better than at yesterday's concert at the Hippodrome. There was only one thing lacking: enough audience to fill the seats. The large crowd that attended the municipal concerts before the holidays seems not to have returned at the last two concerts, and as it presumably included a large percentage of local music-lovers, there is but one thing to be said, they are missing an unusual artistic treat, when such a program as that of yesterday is offered at the prices charged for these concerts and one vacant seat remains.

Things had an oriental tendency yesterday, beginning with Goldmark's "Sakuntala" overture, which in itself is full of Eastern color and which was given a keen interpretation. The program passed along through two movements of Mendelssohn's "Italian" symphony, with its gently flowing Southern melodies, until Saint Saens' "Suite Algerienne" was reached, and then one easily imagined that he was hearing a band playing for Pavlova and her unclad collection of individuals in one of their oriental orgies.

Herr Timmer seemed to do the best he could to gesture the rhythm, although the baton and his "figger" rather dispelled the illusion. Nevertheless, one expected to see him make at least one pirouette on his little platform, for the intoxicating swish and swirl of the music seemed to have exactly the effect that the composer desired. The audience burst into a tumult of applause and

Mein Herr was obliged to repeat the last number.

The program did not work up to a climax, but the lighter numbers were reserved for the second half. There was the Bridal March from "Lohengrin," ballet music from German's "Henry VIII." and the overture to "Martha."

The feature of this part of the program was a couple of gentle and melodious compositions by C. V. Rychlik, a violinist in the orchestra. One, an andante movement, was for wind instruments, and a "Canzonetta" was arranged for strings only. Once every season, Mr. Rychlik's compositions are played. They are usually morsels, rather than anything pretentious; but they are pretty and always popular with the crowd.

## AD CLUB TO HEAR NEW YORK MAYOR

Members to Have Prominent  
Men as Luncheon Guests  
Tomorrow Noon.

Rotary and City Organiza-  
tions Invited to  
Attend.

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of New York, will be in Cleveland tomorrow to address the Cleveland Advertising club at its weekly luncheon in the ball room of Hotel Statler.

Mr. Mitchel will be accompanied by Marcus M. Marks, president of Manhattan borough; W. A. Prendergast, controller of New York, and George W. Perkins, New York financier. Each of these men will deliver a short speech.

Mr. Mitchel will discuss the relation of the business man to municipal government. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:55 a. m. Mayor Newton D. Baker will be chairman.

Members of the Rotary and City clubs have been invited to attend the luncheon and hear the address.

Many prominent business men will occupy places at the speakers' table.

Among them are John Sherwin, president of the First National bank; F. H. Goff, president of the Cleveland Trust Co. and of the Cleveland Foundation, and Morris A. Black, president of the Chamber of Commerce. C. Y. McVey, president of the Rotary club, and Erie C. Hopwood, president of the City club, will sit beside President William Ganson Rose of the Advertising club.

Others invited to occupy places at the speakers' table are Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case School of Applied Science; President Charles F. Thwing of Western Reserve university, and Sidney S. Wilson, ex-

mayor of W. H. Loughby.

No guests, except members of the clubs mentioned, have been invited. Women will not be admitted to the galleries, as has been the Advertising club's custom at weekly luncheons.

Mayor Mitchel and his party will arrive on an early train. Mr. Mitchel will be the guest at breakfast of Samuel Mather at Mr. Mather's

home, 2605 Euclid-av. During the morning Mayor Baker will entertain the visitor. Mr. Mitchel will leave for New York early tomorrow afternoon.

## CITIZENS OPEN FIGHT TO RAZE LIGHT POLES

Council Will Get Petition in  
Which Residents Allege  
Usurpation of Rights.

Protests of West Side taxpayers, who charge the municipal lighting department is illegally usurping privileges not accorded privately owned corporations, will be presented to city council tonight by Councilman Dittrick.

The protests are in the form of petitions circulated and signed by residents of W. 85th street, between Lorain and Madison avenues. They complain that unsightly poles are being erected in front of their homes without permission having been obtained, as would be required of private corporations.

Councilman Dittrick, in charge of circulating the petitions, says he has obtained a ruling from the city law department, through Assistant Director Hostetler, that the city lighting department has no more rights than a private corporation. Hostetler's ruling, Dittrick says, was that the city has no legal right to erect light poles in the street without the permission of taxpayers.

The petitions seek to have the poles, already erected on six blocks of the street, removed to an alley between W. 83d and W. 85th streets.

Persons circulating petitions yesterday made open threats that if the work of erecting the poles on W. 85th street is continued the poles will be chopped down.

Miss Hazel Barber, daughter of F. A. Barber, 2053 W. 85th street, yesterday afternoon, in addition to aiding the circulating of the petitions of protest, defied the city to put up its poles in front of her father's home by filling a hole that had been dug there.



## BAKER FORESEES DEMOCRACY REIGN

Mayor Hopes Hungary Gets  
Freedom After European  
War is Ended.

Sick Benefit Society 1,848  
Celebrates Its Tenth  
Anniversary.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, in an address yesterday before 2,000 Hungarians, in Szabo's hall, 8637 Buckeye-rd S. E., at the tenth anniversary of the 1848 Hungarian Sick Benefit society, expressed the belief that at the end of the war, European countries will adopt democratic forms of government.

Hungary, the mayor hoped, would regain her independence as a result of the conflict.

The anniversary celebration was opened at 3 p. m. by Karl Biro, recently re-elected president of the society for the fourth consecutive time. Mr. Biro spoke briefly.

Speeches were made by H. Baracs, K. Fixmar, representing the Austro-Hungarian consulate, and Karl Dobay.

On behalf of the members of the organization, Vice President Steve Vass presented a gold medal to President Biro, in recognition of the latter's services during his several terms of office.

In the evening there was a banquet. S. Mihok, of the staff of the Szabadsag, Hungarian newspaper, acted as toastmaster, and a number of after-dinner speeches were made.

In all, thirty-one Hungarian societies were officially represented.

Proceeds of the event will be turned over to the Hungarian war relief fund.

The 1848 Hungarian Sick Benefit society has 530 members. Officers recently elected are: Karl Biro, president; Steve Vass, vice president; L. Pentek, recording secretary; B.

Demeter, financial secretary; Joseph Koreny, treasurer; George Kudlak, George Kovacs, S. Arth, J. Demeter, P. Janko and A. Maji, trustees; standard bearers, L. Varga and S. Orban; physical examiners, Dr. E. Rosenberg and Dr. A. V. Fried.

The committee on arrangements consisted of Karl Biro, Karl Dobay, B. Demeter, Joseph Messaros, L. Pentek, George Kovacs, K. Fekete, B. Mathe, Joseph Demeter, Joseph Koren and Steve Malasits.

## CLUB WILL DISCUSS CITY'S NEXT MAYOR

John Hay Organization Plans  
Wide Open Talk for Din-  
ner Saturday.

One Candidate and Several  
Prospects to Attend  
Feast.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With a wide open discussion of the mayoralty situation, in the presence of one announced and several prospective candidates, the first anniversary dinner of the John Hay club, to be held Saturday, will give Republican politics a lively start for the new year.

The organization is composed of Republicans, particularly men of the younger element of the party, and about 200 guests will attend the Saturday meeting. The dinner is to be given in Weber's, 244 Superior-av N. E.

The topic for general discussion will be, "Who Will be the Next Mayor of Cleveland?" Present plans are to have at least ten speakers deliver 10-minute addresses.

The speaking will give zest to the meeting, for it is expected those present will include Harry L. Davis, already in the mayoralty race; Miner G. Norton, who may enter; Councilman Harry C. Gahn, who has been asked to run, and W. L. David, whom friends have been urging to enter. If John A. Cline reaches Cleveland in time, he will be invited, it was said yesterday. Mr. Cline is a possible candidate.

All minority councilmen are expected. No definite list of speakers has been arranged. Club officials have in mind among others, United States Senator Theodore E. Burton, Attorney John J. Sullivan, Customs Collector Maurice Maschke and Councilman W. J. Fitzgerald. The speaking program will be arranged at a committee meeting to be held Wednesday.

The dinner will give conspicuous Republicans their first opportunity to voice publicly their views on the outlook for the mayoralty campaign of this year.

John Hay club officers will be elected. Present officers include Pierre A. White, president; A. A. Cartwright and Lamar Beman, vice presidents; Monroe Curtis, secretary; William Thomas, treasurer; Harry L. Davis, Clayton C. Townes, Rexford C. Hyre, President White and Secretary Curtis, organization committee members. There also is an executive committee.

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Candidate Davis has sent out 125 letters to men whom he wants to serve on his general campaign committee.

It is the plan of Mr. Davis to have three committees, a general committee of 100 or more, a committee com-



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## SUNDAY MUNY CONCERT

By Wilson G. Smith

Some facts are too self-evident to admit of argument.

For instance, the relative news interest of a hold-up story and a munny concert critique.

And yet the held-up party generally discovers that he misses something after the event; on the other hand a munny concert goer who attends for the first time always discovers that he has missed something by not having attended before.

Again, while many musical and artistic events are practically a species of highbrow hold-up—admission prices considered—the munny concerts offer no hook to hang adverse comment on.

They are the local musical bargain counter; a munny concert is genuine artistic value marked down from a dollar.

### Audience Increases.

Sunday's munny concert was heard by over 600 more progressives than the former concert, and the program was presented in a style we have come to recognize as munny efficiency.

Some numbers went better than others, naturally, including the Goldmark, Saint Saens, German and Flotow compositions.

The Mendelssohn symphony with

its clear-cut "andante," elfish "moderato" and scintillating "saltarello" was also a creditable presentation, but the fact remains that our orchestra hardly yet realizes the tonal breadth and certainty so necessary to symphonic playing.

All this is due to limited experience in works of such polyphonic and elaborated thematic content, to say nothing of the perfect tonal balance and exactness in uniform interchange of phrases required.

The other numbers being more in the direct line of experience went with greater freedom and certainty.

### Rychlik's Ability Proven.

Rychlik's two compositions again proved his clever musicianship and facile faculty in inventing genial highly effective in color contrast.

The handling of the wood-winds and brass in the "andante" was highly effective in color contrast.

The fluent flow of melody and its effective treatment in the "canzonetta"—as also its fine playing—compelled an encore and acknowledgements from the modest composer.

This ninth concert added another milestone to munny progress, and, lest we forget, next Sunday will see another annexed.

## GOTHAM MAYOR HERE PRAISES CITY OWNERSHIP

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of New York, in Cleveland to inspect munny markets and address the Ad club, Monday pronounced municipal ownership a city's greatest weapon with which to battle private interests which oppress the public.

"New York hasn't gone into municipal ownership very extensively as yet," he said. "But we're prepared to resort to it at any time it becomes necessary."

"We've adopted public ownership in a way through municipal control of rapid transit subways, operated by the city, although private interests have the biggest investment in the enterprise."

### Munny Plan Success.

"The thing is a success, just as

your railway system here is a success.

"The city is also building a mammoth freight terminal, which it proposes to lease to the railroads. Municipal docks are the feature of the enterprise."

"Many cities, among them Cleveland, I'm told, realize too late the necessity of getting control of waterfront, and terminal property before the railroads have gotten hold of it."

Mitchel also spoke of the problem of unemployment.

"A mammoth municipal lodging house, with beds for 2000 and the plan for giving city work to the unemployed on alternate days until they find regular jobs, is helping to solve the problem in New York," he said.

Mitchel, with Mayor Baker, George W. Perkins, New York



JOHN PURROY MITCHEL.

financier, W. A. Prendergast, comptroller of New York, Myron T. Herrick and Samuel Mather, Cleveland millionaire, toured munny markets in the forenoon. Mitchel, Herrick, Prendergast and Perkins were to make short talks at the Ad club luncheon at Hotel Statler Monday noon.

Mitchel is here to get information on Cleveland's refrigerating system, with a view to establishing munny markets in New York.

# FOUNDATION'S PLAN FOR IDLE IS ANNOUNCED

## Proposes Appointment by Mayor of Citizens Committee to Supervise City-Wide Campaign to Find Jobs.

Marshaling every force in Cleveland, from homes to the largest institutions, in a whirlwind "give-a-job" campaign for relief of destitute unemployed, was the plan proposed Monday by the survey committee of the Cleveland foundation as a smashing community awakening to meet the unemployment crisis.

The plan, drawn by Survey Director Allen T. Burns, contemplates the finding and creation of jobs for workless men and women through citizens' neighborhood clubs, big employers, builders, bankers, city and county officials, churches, women's clubs, labor unions, and every civic body available.

The directing force of the job campaign, under Burns' plan, is to be a general committee, composed of representatives of each co-operating agency, appointed by Mayor Baker, as chairman. This committee, through subcommittees, is to bring to light every bit of work in Cleveland which will give tasks to the idle.

### Plan is Indorsed.

Burns' plan, indorsed by the foundation survey committee, was to be strongly urged for immediate adoption by F. H. Goff, founder of the Cleveland foundation, at a meeting of leaders in the relief move at 2 p. m. Monday in Mayor Baker's office.

Goff was to advise a definite accounting of the actual number of destitute unemployed, as apart from those who have savings, or are out of work because of reasonable occupations.

Burns planned to show the need for quick action on the part of relief leaders by presenting these facts at the meeting.

The city outdoor relief gave 2519 rations and 679 tons of coal to destitute persons in December, 1914, as compared with 1105 rations and 354 tons of coal in December, 1913.

The associated charities was called upon to care for 3552 families in December, 1914, as against 2280 families in December, 1913.

The wayfarers' lodge, W. 10th-st, overflowed Sunday night for the first time this year. Scores of men willing to work for lodgings were forced to go to the police station for beds.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy was to point out at the meeting that 317 shops have reported a decrease of 15,637 jobs in November, 1914, under December, 1913. Two-thirds of the applicants at

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## FOUNDATION'S PLANS FOR IDLE ANNOUNCED

Hennessy's state-city labor bureau are destitute breadwinners willing to take any job.

Here are details of the Burns relief plan:

Stimulation of effort by every volunteer worker is planned to be given by 10 noonday luncheons, at which reports of success and progress are to be made.

The state-city free employment bureau at the city hall is made the clearing house for bringing together jobless workers and workerless jobs.

The campaign committee is to be composed of Mayor Baker, chairman; W. F. Hennessy, commissioner of employment, secretary; Server Sidlo; Welfare Director Cooley; a county commissioner; chairmen of the council committees on labor and finance; representatives of the Cleveland clearing house, cosmopolitan alliance, chambers of commerce and industry, federation of churches, Jewish federation, Catholic diocese, consumers league, federation of women's clubs, federation of labor, real estate board, builders exchange, federation for charity and philanthropy, associated trust companies, and the Society for Savings.

The general committee is to fix a registration day during the organization week when idle men



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## DIRECTOR BURNS IN COFFEE LINE; HE PRAISES IDEA

Asserts Beneficiaries Are  
Not "Bums"; Asks Employ-  
ers to Give Them Work

SECRETARY FEDERATED  
CHURCHES ALSO IN FAVOR

Ideas Gained by Cleveland  
Foundation Official to Be  
Told at City Conference

Allen T. Burns, social worker and director of the Cleveland Foundation, looked over The News' coffee line at 6:30 a. m. Monday, seeking first-hand information to give Mayor Baker and council committee when they met Monday afternoon further to consider the unemployed situation. He spent an hour studying the character of the men who formed the line of more than 3,000.

Burns arrived at the coffee line some time before it opened. He counted 300 men lined up against the buildings along Frankfort avenue from West 6th to West 9th street, waiting for the coffee. He talked with some of the men and finally got into line himself.

### Burns Calls Meal Excellent

After waiting 25 minutes in line Burns reached the window where the coffee and rolls are passed out. Like all the others in line, Burns received his portion—and he ate the rolls and drank the coffee.

"It's a mighty good breakfast," Burns said, "and it's a fine idea to feed the unemployed. If the big business men and city officials who are to attend the conference with Mayor Baker Monday afternoon to discuss plans for relief of the unemployed would come to the coffee line as I have done they would learn something."

"I do not doubt that there are some in line who are not seeking employment, but the general appearance of the men shows they are not riffraff. I noticed men wait 25 minutes or more to get a cup of coffee and rolls and then go right back to the foot of the line to wait another half hour. Those men surely must be hungry."

### Give Men Jobs, He Says

"What we need now to relieve the situation is to have some employment provided for these men who come to the coffee line. Employers should find work for the unemployed who come here for breakfast."

Rev. Ernest H. Tippet, pastor of Hough Avenue Congregational church, and Eugene C. Foster, Associated Charities official in charge of the Wayfarers' lodge, inspected The News' "coffee line," too. The caliber of men in line they agreed was good—few were "bums," they said. Both declared it was an excellent thing for a man seeking work

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to be able to do so on a full stomach. The way both Tippet and Foster would improve on The News' idea is to establish a work test in connection, force the men to do some work, however trifling, in return. At the Wayfarers' lodge, West 10th street, they found 117 were lodged Sunday night, a capacity house. Of the 117 slightly fewer than half, 57, failed to stay and work for breakfast. Many of these, they figured, took advantage of the "coffee line."

Practically unqualified approval was given Monday by Rev. E. R. Wright, secretary of the Federated churches.

"It's a needy thing to needy people at a needy time," Wright declared. "If 50 per cent of the men in line are 'bums'—and they're not—much good still would be done. Until the present situation is ameliorated these men must be fed. In such an emergency as this a 'coffee line' is an excellent idea."

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## DIRECTOR BURNS IN COFFEE LINE; HE PRAISES IDEA

Asserts Beneficiaries Are  
Not "Bums"; Asks Employ-  
ers to Give Them Work

SECRETARY FEDERATED  
CHURCHES ALSO IN FAVOR

Ideas Gained by Cleveland  
Foundation Official to Be  
Told at City Conference

Allen T. Burns, social worker and director of the Cleveland Foundation, looked over The News' coffee line at 6:30 a. m. Monday, seeking first-hand information to give Mayor Baker and council committee when they met Monday afternoon further to consider the unemployed situation. He spent an hour studying the character of the men who formed the line of more than 3,000.

Burns arrived at the coffee line some time before it opened. He counted 300 men lined up against the buildings along Frankfort avenue from West 6th to West 9th street, waiting for the coffee. He talked with some of the men and finally got into line himself.

### Burns Calls Meal Excellent

After waiting 25 minutes in line Burns reached the window where the coffee and rolls are passed out. Like all the others in line, Burns received his portion—and he ate the rolls and drank the coffee.

"It's a mighty good breakfast," Burns said, "and it's a fine idea to feed the unemployed. If the big business men and city officials who are to attend the conference with Mayor Baker Monday afternoon to discuss plans for relief of the unemployed would come to the coffee line as I have done they would learn something."

"I do not doubt that there are some in line who are not seeking employment, but the general appearance of the men shows they are not riffraff. I noticed men wait 25 minutes or more to get a cup of coffee and rolls and then go right back to the foot of the line to wait another half hour. Those men surely must be hungry."

### Give Men Jobs, He Says

"What we need now to relieve the situation is to have some employment provided for these men who come to the coffee line. Employers should find work for the unemployed who come here for breakfast."

Rev. Ernest H. Tippet, pastor of Hough Avenue Congregational church, and Eugene C. Foster, Associated Charities official in charge of the Wayfarers' lodge, inspected The News' "coffee line," too. The caliber of men in line they agreed was good—few were "bums," they said. Both declared it was an excellent thing for a man seeking work

## PRAISES COFFEE LINE

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to be able to do so on a full stomach. The way both Tippet and Foster would improve on The News' idea is to establish a work test in connection, force the men to do some work, however trifling, in return. At the Wayfarers' lodge, West 10th street, they found 117 were lodged Sunday night, a capacity house. Of the 117 slightly fewer than half, 57, failed to stay and work for breakfast. Many of these, they figured, took advantage of the "coffee line."

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### Must Educate Public

"The public must be thoroughly familiar with a convenience of that sort before it can be appreciated," Mayor Mitchel declared. "It's like the tradition of the tenement dwellers who put coal in their bathtubs when landlords endeavored to improve their living conditions."

"So far as New York of today goes, that is only a tradition. The new tenements are built as modern and up-to-date as millionaires' homes. And there's a tendency to tear away the old tenements. Personally I consider the dark room the city's greatest menace; it breeds germs, disease and crime."

The relation of the business man to municipal government was the subject of Mayor Mitchel's address Monday. Members of the Rotary and City clubs attended.

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# PEOPLE HARMONIZE IN PLANS TO GIVE JOBS TO IDLE MEN

Capitalists, Laborers, City  
Officials and Church Lead-  
ers Agree Upon Remedy  
for Poverty.

Decide Upon Concerted Ef-  
fort to Create Demand  
for at Least Tempo-  
rary Work.

'PAY ROLL RATHER THAN  
CHARITY,' GOFF URGES

'Build That Porch Now' is  
Sentiment of Public  
Meeting.

Capital and labor, the city gov-  
ernment and the church have found  
themselves in unanimous harmony  
on a policy for aiding jobless men of  
Cleveland.

In the office of Mayor Newton D.  
Baker more than a score of recog-  
nized leaders of public thought yes-  
terday afternoon voted without dis-  
sent to embark on a plan to provide  
work.

Mayor Baker will appoint a com-  
mittee of fifteen this morning to  
take charge of a "give a job" cam-  
paign, in which all the forces of the  
community are to be utilized to create  
work and in which the needs of every  
unemployed man, so far as possible,  
will be considered in a practical,  
businesslike spirit.

Goff Sounds Keynote.

"It's far better to carry men and  
women through the winter on the  
pay roll than on the relief roll,"  
quoted by F. H. Goff, president of  
the Cleveland Foundation, seemed to  
express the sentiment of all attend-  
ing the meeting.

The general plan calls for the en-  
listment of all the people of Cleve-  
land in an effort to "make" jobs. The  
state-city free employment bureau,  
city hall, is to be utilized as the  
agency to "fit" men to jobs. W. F.  
Hennessy, manager, will be in charge.

To determine what percentage of  
men recently registered as un-  
employed by the city employment bu-  
reau are without resources, a new  
registration is to be taken. This will  
cause to be ascertained definitely the  
number of destitute as apart from  
those who have savings or are out of  
work because of seasonable occupa-  
tions.

In the opinion of many the new  
registration will show a large per-  
centage of those out of work are not  
actually in want and that the situa-  
tion is not so alarming that it may  
not be adequately relieved by giving  
work only to the destitute.

The plan for the mayor's commis-  
sion on unemployment was advanced  
by Allen T. Burns, director of the sur-  
vey committee of the Cleveland Foun-

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Foundation. F. H. Goff, head of the foun-  
dation, was one of the foremost par-  
ticipants in the discussion.

Suggests Bank Aid.

"I believe the banks of this com-  
munity ought to lend their assistance  
in the present exigency," said Mr.  
Goff. "They might adopt the so-  
called Morris plan of lending small  
sums to workmen without re-

sources. This, of course, is not bank-  
ing business. It is disguised charity.  
"But I think the best plan is to ap-  
ply an artificial stimulus to create  
work deliberately. Relief must be  
quick and the public should be taken  
into confidence to do the most good  
in the shortest time.

"Jobs to last a day or a week can  
be made in almost every home, shop  
or factory. A man can build a new  
porch now instead of waiting until  
spring."

The discussion was enlivened when  
Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the  
Cleveland Federation of Labor, de-  
clared Cleveland banks were curtailing  
loans and thus stopping construction  
enterprises.

"Real estate men have told me  
this," said Mr. Farrell. "While the  
building permits of 1914 showed an  
increase of \$3,000,000 over 1913, I be-  
lieve this increase was made during  
the first six months of 1914."

Mr. Goff asserted he is convinced  
banks have not been restricting  
loans to the point of killing industry.

Mayor Baker declared building  
statistics show the last six months of  
1914 held the same proportionate in-  
crease as the earlier months.

After a unanimous vote in favor  
of the appointment of a committee  
of fifteen to start the "give a job"  
movement, Mayor Baker remarked.

"There is no dissenting voice. By

this we are to understand everybody  
here is unqualifiedly in favor of this  
attempt to solve the unemployed  
problem.

Addresses were given by many  
prominent citizens. Practically all  
the speakers favored reductions in  
working time in factories, either by  
the hours a day or by days a week.  
Most of the speakers expressed them-  
selves against reductions of wage  
scales.

Among those who spoke were Vic-  
tor W. Sincere, manager of the Bal-  
ley Co.; Charles E. Adams, president  
of the Cleveland Hardware Co.; J. W.  
Hart of the Cleveland Federation of  
Labor, Walter D. Sayle of the Cleve-  
land Punch & Shear Co., Rev. E. H.  
Tippett, Rev. E. R. Wright, secretary  
of the Federated Churches; Morris  
A. Black, president of the Chamber of  
Commerce, and F. D. Lawrence of  
the National Carbon Co.

Included in those present were Rev.  
Father C. Hubert Le Blond, director  
of Catholic charities; Dr. Harris R.  
Cooley, director of the city welfare  
department; Munson Havens, secre-  
tary of the Chamber of Commerce;  
Miss Mildred Chadsey, head of the  
city bureau of housing and sanitation;  
Miss Myrta Jones and Miss  
Florence Ball of the Consumers'  
league, and Miss Bertha Stevens of  
the vocational guidance bureau.

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of

New York city, who gave an address  
before the Cleveland Advertising club  
yesterday noon, arrived at the may-  
or's office while the meeting was in  
progress and remained an interested  
spectator. Mayor Mitchel a month  
ago appointed a committee to deal  
with the unemployment situation in  
New York, naming Judge E. H. Gary,  
president of the United States Steel  
corporation, as its head.

The first step of the committee to  
be appointed by Mayor Baker this  
morning will be to start the forma-  
tion of citizens' neighborhood clubs to  
create jobs. Big employers, builders,  
bankers, city and county officials,  
women's clubs, labor unions and  
every other civic body available will  
be appealed to.

ing some of the burdens of the wom-  
en who work has been provided in  
an emergency sewing room, estab-  
lished yesterday by the Federation  
of Women's Clubs in the Y. W. C. A.  
building.

While the federation has taken the  
initiative in providing a practical  
means of hiring women workers, the  
co-operation of the Woman Suffrage  
party, the Consumers' league and the  
Woman's Association of Commerce  
are helping with the project.

"We hope to obtain the co-opera-  
tion of every woman's club in the  
city," said Miss Genevieve Cline, pres-  
ident of the federation. "and most of  
all we hope individuals will help in  
supplying work for our applicants.

"Equipping this room and throw-  
ing it open to the women who need  
it seems to us an opportunity to re-  
lieve at least a small portion of the  
distress of the unemployed women,  
particularly those who are skilled  
seamstresses.

"They are welcome to bring their  
sewing materials here if they wish,  
but if the public responds generously

with sewing or mending to be done,  
we can supply the work here. That  
in fact, is the purpose of the room.

"All applications should be made  
to the State-City Free Employment  
bureau in the basement of the library,  
as we do not wish to burden the  
Y. W. C. A. offices with inquiries.  
All sewing materials may be brought  
to the workroom, however."

## GETS POINTS HERE FOR NEW YORK CITY

Mayor Mitchel Among Not-  
able Guests Entertained  
by Advertising Club.

Speakers Couple Herrick's  
Name With Presiden-  
tial Boom.

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of  
New York; W. A. Prendergast, con-  
troller of New York; George W. Per-  
kins, New York financier and former  
Cleveland; Marcus M. Marks, pres-  
ident of the borough of Manhattan;  
Col. Myron T. Herrick, former United  
States ambassador to France; New-  
ton D. Baker, mayor of Cleveland.

These were the notables in the  
limelight at the luncheon of the  
Cleveland Advertising club in Hotel  
Statler yesterday noon.

Not limiting the meeting to its own  
membership, the Cleveland Advertis-  
ing club had invited the Rotary and  
the City clubs. The result was a  
gathering of approximately 800, the  
largest meeting the Advertising club  
ever held.

Public markets, the Herrick presi-  
dential boom, the home rule amend-  
ment, Clevelanders who don't know  
Cleveland has a municipal market, in-  
timations of cold storage for the Pro-  
gressive party, of which Mr. Perkins  
is a member, and the relation of the  
business man to municipal govern-  
ment, were a few topics discussed and  
the manner of presentation took on  
many of the characteristics of Grid-  
iron club frolics in the national cap-  
ital.

"Mayor Mitchel says we came to  
Cleveland to study your market and  
storage plant," declared Mr. Perkins.  
"We didn't come here for that pur-  
pose at all, and I'm going to tell you  
our real reason.

"Mayor Mitchel is a Democrat,  
when he isn't a fusion mayor of New  
York. Mr. Prendergast is a Repub-  
lican when he is a Republican. I  
am a Progressive. We pooled the  
three parties and came here today  
to offer the presidential candidacy on  
a gold platter to Col. Herrick."

Col. Herrick and the presidency  
also were mentioned together by Con-  
troller Prendergast.

"I do not wish to destroy the de-

lightful harmonies of this occasion,"  
Mr. Prendergast said, "but when  
Mayor Mitchel said there was another  
thing in which we might take inspir-  
ation from Ohio, I thought, with that  
generosity that does not usually dis-  
tinguish a political opponent, he was  
going to say he thought this was a  
most opportune time for New York  
to feel it was going to accept Col.  
Herrick to its bosom as a presidential  
candidate."

Every speaker strongly urged the  
problems of a city's chief executive  
are no less the problems of all its  
people. They pleaded for co-operation  
between private citizens and officials  
to the end that all the wisdom of a  
community might be brought to bear  
on the solution of its puzzles.

William Ganson Rose, president of  
the Cleveland Advertising club, wel-  
comed the guests and announced a  
song by J. G. Halter would precede  
the speaking. After the song he in-  
troduced Mayor Baker as toastmaster,  
concluding his remarks with this  
verse:

Sixth place now is Cleveland's figure;  
Up to first place will she climb.  
Tho' New York's a darn sight bigger,  
Cleveland's young yet—give her time.

"From time to time," said Mayor  
Baker, introducing Mayor Mitchel,  
"mayors of Cleveland have gone like  
Mohammed to the mountain of New  
York. But for the first time the  
mountain has deigned to come to Mo-  
hammed."

Mayor Mitchel was greeted with  
applause and waving of napkins that  
continued several minutes.

"If it be true," he said, "that this  
is the first time a mayor of New  
York has visited Cleveland, let me  
say to you I am mighty glad to es-  
tablish a precedent. New York long  
has had such a self-satisfied attitude  
that it would not deign to go out and  
learn something. When it finally did  
so, it found those things it thought  
marked its progress had been in  
operation in smaller cities.

"Now we have come to your city  
to learn what you are doing in  
public markets and how you are fighting  
the high cost of living, for you are  
pioneers at it. We visited your pub-  
lic markets and I can say to you that  
you have an efficient and a finished  
product. We are going to take from  
your city a valuable contribution to  
the solution of our own problems.

"Another point on which New York  
can gain inspiration from Ohio is the  
principle of home rule as crystallized  
in your state constitution. At the  
coming constitutional convention in  
New York state I will advocate a  
home rule amendment based on yours  
in Ohio."

"There is one great problem be-  
fore every municipality aside from  
the cost of living," said Controller  
Prendergast, "and that is the cost of  
government. That problem is going  
to tax the efficacy of our cities. It  
is a question all must take an inter-  
est in.

"Give your officials the benefit of  
your ideas, then you will get a mu-  
nicipal budget that represents the  
real needs of your city. It is your  
problem as well as your mayor's.  
What are you going to do about it?"

Mayor Baker introduced Mr. Per-  
kins as a former Cleveland who  
has been loaned to New York.

Mr. Perkins declared it costs  
America too much to live, for the  
reason that anybody, regardless of  
qualifications, has been allowed to  
spend public funds.

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Capitalists, Laborers, City  
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ers Agree Upon Remedy  
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Decide Upon Concerted Ef-  
fort to Create Demand  
for at Least Tempo-  
rary Work.

PAY ROLL RATHER THAN  
CHARITY, GOFF URGES

Build That Porch Now' is  
Sentiment of Public  
Meeting.

Capital and labor, the city gov-  
ernment and the church have found  
themselves in unanimous harmony  
in a policy for aiding jobless men of  
Cleveland.

In the office of Mayor Newton D.  
Baker more than a score of recog-  
nized leaders of public thought yes-  
terday afternoon voted without dis-  
sent to embark on a plan to provide  
work.

Mayor Baker will appoint a com-  
mittee of fifteen this morning to  
take charge of a "give a job" cam-  
paign, in which all the forces of the  
community are to be utilized to create  
work and in which the needs of every  
unemployed man, so far as possible,  
will be considered in a practical,  
businesslike spirit.

off Sounds Keynote.

"It's far better to carry men and  
women through the winter on the  
pay roll than on the relief roll,"  
noted by F. H. Goff, president of  
the Cleveland Foundation, seemed to  
express the sentiment of all attend-  
ing the meeting.

The general plan calls for the en-  
listment of all the people of Clevel-  
and in an effort to "make" jobs. The  
state-city free employment bureau,  
city hall, is to be utilized as the  
agency to "fit" men to jobs. W. F.  
Pennessy, manager, will be in charge.  
To determine what percentage of  
men recently registered as un-  
employed by the city employment bu-  
reau are without resources, a new  
registration is to be taken. This will  
be to be ascertained definitely the  
number of destitute as apart from  
those who have savings or are out of  
work because of seasonable occupa-  
tions.

In the opinion of many the new  
registration will show a large per-  
centage of those out of work are not  
actually in want and that the situa-  
tion is not so alarming that it may  
not be adequately relieved by giving  
work only to the destitute.

The plan for the mayor's commis-  
sion on unemployment was advanced  
by Allen T. Burns, director of the sur-  
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tion, was one of the foremost par-  
ticipants in the discussion.

Suggests Bank Aid.

"I believe the banks of this com-  
munity ought to lend their assistance  
in the present exigency," said Mr.  
Goff. "They might adopt the so-  
called Morris plan of lending small  
sums to workmen without re-

sources. This, of course, is not bank-  
ing business. It is disguised charity.  
"But I think the best plan is to ap-  
ply an artificial stimulus to create  
work deliberately. Relief must be  
quick and the public should be taken  
into confidence to do the most good  
in the shortest time.

"Jobs to last a day or a week can  
be made in almost every home, shop  
or factory. A man can build a new  
porch now instead of waiting until  
spring."

The discussion was enlivened when  
Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the  
Cleveland Federation of Labor, de-  
clared Cleveland banks were curtail-  
ing loans and thus stopping construc-  
tion enterprises.

"Real estate men have told me  
this," said Mr. Farrell. "While the  
building permits of 1914 showed an  
increase of \$3,000,000 over 1913, I be-  
lieve this increase was made during  
the first six months of 1914."

Mr. Goff asserted he is convinced  
banks have not been restricting  
loans to the point of killing industry.  
Mayor Baker declared building  
statistics show the last six months of  
1914 held the same proportionate in-  
crease as the earlier months.

After a unanimous vote in favor  
of the appointment of a committee  
of fifteen to start the "give a job"  
movement, Mayor Baker remarked:

"There is no dissenting voice. By

this we are to understand everybody  
here is unqualifiedly in favor of this  
attempt to solve the unemployed  
problem.

Addresses were given by many  
prominent citizens. Practically all  
the speakers favored reductions in  
working time in factories, either by  
the hours a day or by days a week.  
Most of the speakers expressed them-  
selves against reductions of wage  
scales.

Among those who spoke were Vic-  
tor W. Sincere, manager of the Bal-  
ley Co.; Charles E. Adams, president  
of the Cleveland Hardware Co.; J. W.  
Hart of the Cleveland Federation of  
Labor; Walter D. Sayle of the Clevel-  
and Punch & Shear Co.; Rev. E. H.  
Tippett, Rev. E. R. Wright, secretary  
of the Federated Churches; Morris  
A. Black, president of the Chamber of  
Commerce; and F. D. Lawrence of  
the National Carbon Co.

Included in those present were Rev.  
Father C. Hubert Le Blond, director  
of Catholic charities; Dr. Harris R.  
Cooley, director of the city welfare  
department; Munson Havens, secre-  
tary of the Chamber of Commerce;  
Miss Mildred Chadsey, head of the  
city bureau of housing and sanitation;  
Miss Myrta Jones and Miss  
Florence Ball of the Consumers'  
league, and Miss Bertha Stevens of  
the vocational guidance bureau.

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of

New York city, who gave an address  
before the Cleveland Advertising club  
yesterday noon, arrived at the may-  
or's office while the meeting was in  
progress and remained an interested  
spectator. Mayor Mitchel a month  
ago appointed a committee to deal  
with the unemployment situation in  
New York, naming Judge E. H. Gary,  
president of the United States Steel  
corporation, as its head.

The first step of the committee to  
be appointed by Mayor Baker this  
morning will be to start the forma-  
tion of citizens' neighborhood clubs to  
create jobs. Big employers, builders,  
bankers, city and county officials,  
women's clubs, labor unions and  
every other civic body available will  
be appealed to.

Coincident with this work the task  
of classifying applicants under the  
new registration at the state-city em-  
ployment bureau will go on.

Noonday luncheons probably will  
be given to keep up interest in the  
work and to keep in touch with re-  
sults.

The slogan, "Hire a woman work-  
er," voiced for the first time at a  
recent meeting of the Woman Suf-  
frage party of Cuyahoga county, has  
found an instant response in the  
ranks of Cleveland women, particu-  
larly club members who are interested  
in the solution of the problem of the  
city's unemployed.

To this end an opportunity for lift-

ing some of the burdens of the wom-  
en who work has been provided in  
an emergency sewing room, estab-  
lished yesterday by the Federation  
of Women's Clubs in the Y. W. C. A.  
building.

While the federation has taken the  
initiative in providing a practical  
means of hiring women workers, the  
co-operation of the Woman Suffrage  
party, the Consumers' league and the  
Woman's Association of Commerce  
are helping with the project.

"We hope to obtain the co-opera-  
tion of every woman's club in the  
city," said Miss Genevieve Cline, pres-  
ident of the federation, "and most of  
all we hope individuals will help in  
supplying work for our applicants.

"Equipping this room and throw-  
ing it open to the women who need  
it seems to us an opportunity to re-  
lieve at least a small portion of the  
distress of the unemployed women,  
particularly those who are skilled  
seamstresses.

"They are welcome to bring their  
sewing materials here if they wish,  
but if the public responds generously

with sewing or mending to be done,  
we can supply the work here. That  
in fact, is the purpose of the room.

"All applications should be made  
to the State-City Free Employment  
bureau in the basement of the library,  
as we do not wish to burden the  
Y. W. C. A. offices with inquiries.  
All sewing materials may be brought  
to the workroom, however."

## GETS POINTS HERE FOR NEW YORK CITY

Mayor Mitchel Among Not-  
able Guests Entertained  
by Advertising Club.

Speakers Couple Herrick's  
Name With Presiden-  
tial Boom.

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of  
New York; W. A. Prendergast, con-  
troller of New York; George W. Per-  
kins, New York financier and former  
Cleveland; Marcus M. Marks, pres-  
ident of the borough of Manhattan;  
Col. Myron T. Herrick, former United  
States ambassador to France; New-  
ton D. Baker, mayor of Cleveland.

These were the notables in the  
limelight at the luncheon of the  
Cleveland Advertising club in Hotel  
Statler yesterday noon.

Not limiting the meeting to its own  
membership, the Cleveland Advertis-  
ing club had invited the Rotary and  
the City clubs. The result was a  
gathering of approximately 800, the  
largest meeting the Advertising club  
ever held.

Public markets, the Herrick presi-  
dential boom, the home rule amend-  
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Cleveland has a municipal market, in-  
timations of cold storage for the Pro-  
gressive party, of which Mr. Perkins  
is a member, and the relation of the  
business man to municipal govern-  
ment, were a few topics discussed and  
the manner of presentation took on  
many of the characteristics of Grid-  
iron club frolics in the national cap-  
ital.

"Mayor Mitchel says we came to  
Cleveland to study your market and  
storage plant," declared Mr. Perkins.  
"We didn't come here for that pur-  
pose at all, and I'm going to tell you  
our real reason.

"Mayor Mitchel is a Democrat,  
when he isn't a fusion mayor of New  
York. Mr. Prendergast is a Republi-  
can when he is a Republican. I  
am a Progressive. We pooled the  
three parties and came here today  
to offer the presidential candidacy on  
a gold platter to Col. Herrick."

Col. Herrick and the presidency  
also were mentioned together by Con-  
troller Prendergast.

"I do not wish to destroy the de-

lightful harmonies of this occasion,"  
Mr. Prendergast said, "but when  
Mayor Mitchel said there was another  
thing in which we might take inspira-  
tion from Ohio, I thought, with that  
generosity that does not usually dis-  
tinguish a political opponent, he was  
going to say he thought this was a  
most opportune time for New York  
to feel it was going to accept Col.  
Herrick to its bosom as a presidential  
candidate."

Every speaker strongly urged the  
problems of a city's chief executive  
are no less the problems of all its  
people. They pleaded for co-operation  
between private citizens and officials  
to the end that all the wisdom of a  
community might be brought to bear  
on the solution of its puzzles.

William Ganson Rose, president of  
the Cleveland Advertising club, wel-  
comed the guests and announced a  
song by J. G. Halter would precede  
the speaking. After the song he in-  
troduced Mayor Baker as toastmaster,  
concluding his remarks with this  
verse:

Sixth place now is Cleveland's figure;  
Up to first place will she climb.  
Tho' New York's a darn sight bigger,  
Cleveland's young yet—give her time.

"From time to time," said Mayor  
Baker, introducing Mayor Mitchel,  
"mayors of Cleveland have gone like  
Mohammed to the mountain of New  
York. But for the first time the  
mountain has deigned to come to Mo-  
hammed."

Mayor Mitchel was greeted with  
applause and waving of napkins that  
continued several minutes.

"If it be true," he said, "that this  
is the first time a mayor of New  
York has visited Cleveland, let me  
say to you I am mighty glad to es-  
tablish a precedent. New York long  
has had such a self-satisfied attitude  
that it would not deign to go out and  
learn something. When it finally did  
so, it found those things it thought  
marked its progress had been in  
operation in smaller cities.

"Now we have come to your city  
to learn what you are doing in pub-  
lic markets and how you are fighting  
the high cost of living, for you are  
pioneers at it. We visited your pub-  
lic markets and I can say to you that  
you have an efficient and a finished  
product. We are going to take from  
your city a valuable contribution to  
the solution of our own problems.

"Another point on which New York  
can gain inspiration from Ohio is the  
principle of home rule as crystallized  
in your state constitution. At the  
coming constitutional convention in  
New York state I will advocate a  
home rule amendment based on yours  
in Ohio."

"There is one great problem be-  
fore every municipality aside from  
the cost of living," said Controller  
Prendergast, "and that is the cost of  
government. That problem is going  
to tax the efficacy of our cities. It  
is a question all must take an inter-  
est in.

"Give your officials the benefit of  
your ideas, then you will get a mu-  
nicipal budget that represents the  
real needs of your city. It is your  
problem as well as your mayor's.  
What are you going to do about it?"

Mayor Baker introduced Mr. Per-  
kins as a former Cleveland who  
has been loaned to New York.

Mr. Perkins declared it costs  
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"Without the help and advice of the business men the larger American cities are going on piling up debts that future generations may find too heavy to carry. No one comes to advise city officials nowadays except those persons who have sordid, selfish motives."

"Anyone, it seems, is allowed to spend public money nowadays," said Perkins. "There is only one way to stop this, and that is by the business men of the city taking more interest in government."

The New York party were guests of Samuel Mather, 2605 Euclid avenue, at breakfast. After luncheon they visited the city hall, studied the "group plan" and made a tour of Cleveland parks.

# OFFICIALS AGREE ON PLAN TO AID JOBLESS OF CITY

Baker Will Name Committee  
of 15 to Outline Relief  
for Unemployed.

## WOMEN OPEN WORKROOM

Enterprise Started Yesterday  
Likely Will Be Included in  
General Program.

Relief for Cleveland's thousands of unemployed is to be in the hands of a committee of fifteen, to be named today by Mayor Baker. This was the only definite action taken yesterday at a conference in the mayor's office, when city officials, labor leaders, business men and social workers discussed every phase of the situation for several hours.

A report of the survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation was submitted by Allen T. Burns, director of the Foundation. The appointment of a committee of fifteen by the mayor was urged in the report, but this was the only suggestion from the survey committee which was adopted.

The committee of fifteen, according to the vote taken at the meeting, is to co-operate with Superintendent Hennessey, of the State-City Free Employment Agency, in establishing a preferred list of unemployed men. It is also to take up the consideration of the unemployment situation and formulate a means of accelerating and creating work.

## Women's Workroom Opens.

The emergency workroom for unemployed women, opened yesterday at the Y. W. C. A., under the supervision of the Cleveland Federation of Woman's Clubs, may be made a part of any general relief plan formulated by the committee of fifteen. It is expected representatives of several woman's organizations favoring the workroom plan, will be members of the committee.

The workroom opened yesterday morning under the supervision of Miss Genevieve Cline, president of the Federation of Woman's Clubs. More work than there were workers was on hand when the doors of the workroom opened.

Miss Cline has arranged with Superintendent Hennessey, of the State-City Employment Bureau, to send to the workroom such women applicants for work as are capable of doing plain sewing.

Work of registering applicants for employment in the workroom is to be handled by Hennessey for the present.

## Many Offers of Aid.

Miss Mary Comstock, auditor of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, is to be in charge of the workroom today. Until the workroom is operating smoothly, it will be in charge of various women in the federation. Miss Cline said yesterday that offers of aid had been received from many organizations and that a conference was to be held in a few days to fix a definite program for the workroom.

The workroom, which was originated by the federation, is designed to give unemployed women, who are not objects of charity, a means to earn a living by sewing. Family

mending, and general sewing, outside the scope of work done in ordinary dressmaking and tailoring establishments, is to be undertaken. Many clubwomen and business women already have sent in sufficient work to keep several women busy. The room is equipped with sewing machines, furnished by the White Sewing Machine Company.

At the opening of the conference on the unemployment situation in the mayor's office, Baker explained that at previous conferences it had been decided to establish a preferred list of unemployed men, after a canvass of the situation had been made, to determine the exact needs.

This preferred list is to contain the names of men who by reason of having others dependent on them, are in the greatest need of immediate employment.

## Problem the Same.

Superintendent Hennessey stated that an investigation of a list of 2,000 men registered at the free employment bureau showed that two-thirds of them had families dependent on them.

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The second al was to have some agency advance money for the immediate need of those in want, so as to tide them over their difficulties. The banks, he said, ought to lend assistance.

The third, and more obvious plan, he declared, was to try to obtain some employment for those in need. He urged, however, that the committee be named by Mayor Baker be authorized to go ahead and do what its members think best.

Victor Sincere, of the Bailey Company, declared that the question was one of expediency. Men are in need of jobs, he said, and the business of creating work should be done only under stress.

Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, said the manufacturers cannot be looked to for much assistance. The relief work, he said, is to be done for the most part by the people who can employ one or two men at a time.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, and W. J. Hart, president, were present as representatives of union labor. Farrell urged a dignified and constructive program, and, in response to a question of Mr. Goff as to whether the labor situation would be disturbed, declared that labor would be opposed to any plan which involved the cutting of wages. "There is not much difference between going to the outdoor relief," Farrell said, "and in carrying on a job campaign from the housetops."

Hart charged that men participating in the conference had been most active in trying to disrupt labor organizations. The manufacturers, he said, had brought about the present conditions themselves. Both Hart and Farrell declared that if the banks would lend money, enough

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vise city officials nowadays except  
those persons who have sordid, self-  
ish motives."

"Anyone, it seems, is allowed to  
spend public money nowadays," said  
Perkins. "There is only one way to  
stop this, and that is by the business  
men of the city taking more interest  
in government."

The New York party were guests  
of Samuel Mather, 2605 Euclid ave-  
nue, at breakfast. After luncheon  
they visited the city hall, studied the  
"group plan" and made a tour of  
Cleveland parks.

# OFFICIALS AGREE ON PLAN TO AID JOBLESS OF CITY

Baker Will Name Committee  
of 15 to Outline Relief  
for Unemployed.

WOMEN OPEN WORKROOM

Enterprise Started Yesterday  
Likely Will Be Included in  
General Program.

Relief for Cleveland's thousands of  
unemployed is to be in the hands of  
a committee of fifteen, to be named  
today by Mayor Baker. This was the  
only definite action taken yesterday  
at a conference in the mayor's office,  
when city officials, labor leaders,  
business men and social workers dis-  
cussed every phase of the situation  
for several hours.

A report of the survey committee  
of the Cleveland Foundation was  
submitted by Allen T. Burns, director  
of the Foundation. The appointment  
of a committee of fifteen by the may-  
or was urged in the report, but this  
was the only suggestion from the  
survey committee which was adopted.

The committee of fifteen, according  
to the vote taken at the meeting, is  
to co-operate with Superintendent  
Hennessey, of the State-City Free  
Employment Agency, in establishing  
a preferred list of unemployed men.  
It is also to take up the consider-  
ation of the unemployment situation  
and formulate a means of accelerat-  
ing and creating work.

## Women's Workroom Opens.

The emergency workroom for un-  
employed women, opened yesterday  
at the Y. W. C. A., under the super-  
vision of the Cleveland Federation of  
Woman's Clubs, may be made a part  
of any general relief plan formulated  
by the committee of fifteen. It is  
expected representatives of several  
woman's organizations favoring the  
workroom plan, will be members of  
the committee.

The workroom opened yesterday  
morning under the supervision of  
Miss Genevieve Cline, president of  
the Federation of Woman's Clubs.  
More work than there were workers  
was on hand when the doors of the  
workroom opened.

Miss Cline has arranged with  
Superintendent Hennessey, of the  
State-City Employment Bureau, to  
send to the workroom such women  
applicants for work as are capable  
of doing plain sewing.

Work of registering applicants for  
employment in the workroom is to  
be handled by Hennessey for the  
present.

## Many Offers of Aid.

Miss Mary Comstock, auditor of the  
Federation of Woman's Clubs, is to  
be in charge of the workroom to-  
day. Until the workroom is operating  
smoothly, it will be in charge of  
various women in the federation.  
Miss Cline said yesterday that offers  
of aid had been received from many  
organizations and that a conference  
was to be held in a few days to fix  
a definite program for the workroom.

The workroom, which was origi-  
nated by the federation, is designed  
to give unemployed women, who are  
not objects of charity, a means to  
earn a living by sewing. Family

mending, and general sewing, out-  
side the scope of work done in ordi-  
nary dressmaking and tailoring es-  
tablishments, is to be undertaken.  
Many clubwomen and business wom-  
en already have sent in sufficient  
work to keep several women busy.  
The room is equipped with sewing  
machines, furnished by the White  
Sewing Machine Company.

At the opening of the conference  
on the unemployment situation in the  
mayor's office, Baker explained that at  
previous conferences it had been de-  
cided to establish a preferred list of  
unemployed men, after a canvass of  
the situation had been made, to de-  
termine the exact needs.

This preferred list is to contain the  
names of men who by reason of hav-  
ing others dependent on them, are in  
the greatest need of immediate em-  
ployment.

## Problem the Same.

Superintendent Hennessey stated  
that an investigation of a list of 2,000  
men registered at the free employ-  
ment bureau showed that two-thirds  
of them had families dependent on  
them.

Following the submission of recom-  
mendations by the survey committee

# CITY PLANS RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED

Mayor Baker Will Name Committee of 15 to Outline Cam-  
paign for Aid Among Jobless Cleveland.

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of the Cleveland Foundation, F. H.  
Goff, president of the foundation, said  
that while he agreed with the sur-  
vey committee's recommendation, the  
immediate problem was to help those  
men ready to take any kind of a job  
at any price. The problem was the  
same, he said, whether there are one  
thousand or ten thousand men out  
of employment.

There are three alternatives to re-  
lieve the situation, he said. The first,  
he pointed out, was to have relief  
agencies care for the distress due to  
unemployment. This, he said, keeps  
men idle and lessens the self-respect  
of many of them.

The second alternative, he said,  
was to have some agency advance  
money for the immediate need of  
those in want, so as to tide them over  
their difficulties. The banks, he said,  
ought to lend assistance.

The third, and more obvious plan,  
he declared, was to try to obtain some  
employment for those in need. He  
urged, however, that the committee  
to be named by Mayor Baker be  
authorized to go ahead and do what  
its members think best.

Victor Sincere, of the Bailey Com-  
pany, declared that the question was  
one of expediency. Men are in need  
of jobs, he said, and the business of  
creating work should be done only  
under stress.

Charles E. Adams, president of the  
Cleveland Hardware Company, said  
the manufacturers cannot be looked  
to for much assistance. The relief  
work, he said, is to be done for the  
most part by the people who can em-  
ploy one or two men at a time.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the  
Cleveland Federation of Labor, and  
W. J. Hart, president, were present  
as representatives of union labor.  
Farrell urged a dignified and con-  
structive program, and, in response  
to a question of Mr. Goff as to  
whether the labor situation would be  
disturbed, declared that labor would  
be opposed to any plan which in-  
volved the cutting of wages. "There  
is not much difference between going  
to the outdoor relief," Farrell said,  
"and in carrying on a job campaign  
from the housetops."

Hart charged that men participat-  
ing in the conference had been most  
active in trying to disrupt labor or-  
ganizations. The manufacturers, he  
said, had brought about the present  
conditions themselves. Both Hart  
and Farrell declared that if the  
banks would lend money, enough

work created to care for all  
the men now out of work.  
The plan of the survey com-  
mittee of the Cleveland Foundation  
embraces a series of noonday lunch-  
eons to be held a week after the ap-  
pointment of a committee of fifteen.  
The plan was to start a week  
after the appointment of the commit-  
tee, and to be for the purpose  
of reports on registration of  
employed and listing of  
vacancies.

The date of any further cam-  
paign to be determined after  
the survey committee was to  
be made a canvass for  
work found to be reported  
to the City employment office.



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## MINIMUM WAGE OF \$2.50 ASKED IN CITY COUNCIL

Dittrick Measure Also Would  
Compel Contractors Doing  
Municipal Work to  
Observe Scale.

POLICE AND FIREMEN  
WOULD BE EXCLUDED

Finance Committee Expected to  
Approve \$950,000 Loan  
at Meeting Today.

Two dollars and a half a day will be the minimum wage for city employees and workmen employed by contractors on city work, under the provisions of legislation submitted to the city council last night. The measure was introduced by Councilman Dittrick, at the request of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

The resolution excludes members of the police and fire departments and attendants at city institutions and requires the prevailing scale of wages for skilled mechanics. In no case is the minimum to be less than \$2.50 for an eight-hour day. Contractors accepting city work must agree to the provisions of the resolution.

Borrowing of \$950,000 for operating expenses next year probably will be approved by the council committee on appropriations and finance this afternoon.

### \$100,000 for Sewers Asked.

Legislation authorizing the expenditure of \$100,000 for the sewerage of Dugway Brook and a \$55,000 expenditure for the construction of a sewer in E. 93d street was introduced at the council meeting.

The Cleveland Railway Company was asked to have car directors and switchmen placed at Central and Quincy avenue grade crossings, in a resolution by Councilman Gahn.

A special committee of the council recommended the use of interest upon the Mary A. Warner art fund for the purchase of pictures for the new city hall. The original fund of \$5,000 has increased to \$11,200.

Protests of W. 85th street residents against the placing of municipal electric light poles along that street were received. Councilman Dittrick is preparing legislation requiring the city to place all poles in alleys or at the rear of lots.

### Blast Probe Continued.

A report on the amount of dock rentals was asked from the harbor and wharves committee by Councilman Bernstein.

Notice that the city intends to proceed with the elimination of the E. 105th street grade crossing of the Lake Shore Railroad was given in a resolution by Councilman Foster.

A special committee of the council yesterday continued its investigation of the wrecking of an apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue, resulting in the killing of eleven persons. Chairman Kalina said a report would be submitted at the next council meeting.

# DESTITUTE JOBLESS ASKED TO REGISTER AT CITY BUREAU

Employment Commissioner Hennessy Tuesday sent a call to every unemployed, destitute man and woman in Cleveland to register or re-register at the state-city free labor bureau in the city hall this week.

Simultaneously, Mayor Baker announced he will make public Wednesday names of 15 appointees to a commission to take immediate charge of a city-wide "give-a-job" campaign.

Appointment of this commission was unanimously approved late Monday at a meeting in Baker's office of 30 citizens—bankers, labor leaders, manufacturers, welfare workers, church representatives and others.

Compilation of a list of thousands of men and women who are out of work, penniless, and have depend-

ents, was the first step authorized at the meeting.

### Cheer Announcement.

Four hundred men and women in the labor bureau rooms Tuesday cheered when Commissioner Hennessy announced the mayor was to appoint a commission.

Hennessy ordered a supply of new registration cards, to be filled out both by those destitute unemployed who have already registered at the bureau and those whose names are not yet on file.

Police Chief Rowe was asked by Hennessy to send a special guard of patrolmen to handle the rush expected at the registration, which is to begin Wednesday and continue every day this week from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Suggestion for the mayor's commission and its method of operation was made in a relief

plan drawn by Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland foundation, and indorsed by the foundation's survey committee.

### Confers With Mayor.

Burns and Baker conferred Tuesday on the personnel of the commission. Baker said he expected every commissioner named to serve without question.

When Hennessy completes his list of the unemployed who are actually destitute, the commission is to put the figures before

## 1913 REPORTS OF CITY WORK DELAYED YEAR

City Clerk Collins Tuesday was wondering what to do with 1800 reports covering the work of all city departments in 1913.

The reports will cost the city \$957.50. They arrived just about the time officials are winding up their reports for 1914.

Councilmen who investigated the delay learned that the entire issue was held up because the waterworks department report for 1913 was not ready until October, 1914.

The lot is divided into 50 morocco bound volumes for officials, 250 cloth bound ones for distribution in Cleveland, and 1500 paper bound ones for mailing. Collins figured the average postage if all American cities are favored will be 15 cents.

Councilman McGinty said the expense is unwarranted, although such reports are authorized by the new charter.

## DESTITUTE ASKED TO REGISTER NAMES

every citizen and employer, calling upon them to "give-a-job" as a civic duty.

Cleveland's unemployment commission parallels the commission appointed in New York, Chicago, Detroit and other cities to cope with the problem of finding jobs for the idle.

Sentiment at the meeting Monday indicated a whirlwind campaign is to be made.

Server Sidlo announced Tuesday he is to award the contract for a \$55,000 sewer job from Carr-av to the lake along E. 93d-st to Walter P. Gibbons, contractor. Sidlo said he will order the work rushed to provide employment for many men.

The East Ohio Gas Co. stated Tuesday 75 men are to be employed at once in transferring old meters and other work to aid in meeting the labor crisis.

## HERE'S WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DID MONDAY

Here is what school board did late Monday:

Re-elected D. C. Westenhaver president, E. M. Williams vice president, and Mrs. Sarah E. Hyre clerk.

Welfare committee submitted preliminary annual report on social center work.

Received bids for new Murray Hill school, Random-rd and Paul-av.

Gave Superintendent Frederick day leave of absence Jan. 11.

Received communication from Director Hogen approving payment of \$225 to former school architect F. S. Barnum for services as consulting architect in December.

## ASSERTS CITY CAN'T PAY MINIMUM WAGE

W. F. Thompson, president of city council, Tuesday said establishment of a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day, as provided in a resolution referred to labor and finance committees by council Monday night, is impossible until Cleveland's revenue is increased.

Thomas Gibbons, 320 Garfield building, member of the Ohio minimum wage league, will defend the resolution at committee meetings.



## FARRELL SAYS BANKERS KEEP MEN FROM JOBS

Labor Will Not Be Made  
"Goat," He Says; Asks for  
Loan Money

Cleveland bankers Tuesday were charged with being directly responsible for the thousands of jobless men by Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

Refusal of bankers to loan money with which to carry on many big buildings and other contemplated improvements has resulted in thousands of workmen being forced to idleness.

Farrell also charged the big interests of the city with trying to make labor shoulder the responsibility of the present situation. Efforts to have wages lowered as suggested by men attending the conference with Mayor Baker Monday will be fought. Labor will sacrifice nothing, Farrell said, and will not be made the "goat" by big business.

"The men who attended the conference Monday and discussed ways and means of finding employment for jobless men," Farrell said, "are the same men who spend thousands of dollars every year in employing efficiency engineers to find where and how they can displace employees."

"This is not labor's problem and labor will sacrifice nothing. We have facts to show that the banks of Cleveland are refusing to loan money with which to carry on contemplated improvements. They are using their money to buy stocks which have been forced down to a low price through the tight money situation, and which will increase in value when the depression is over."

"Materials for building are cheaper now than ever and there are a great many buildings that could be started now. But the banks will not loan."

"The whole tendency of Monday's meeting seemed to place the responsibility on labor. No banker or big manufacturer came forward with an offer to reduce the rate of interest on money loaned from 6 to 4 per cent, nor did we hear any employer offer to suspend a share of his profits."

"If the men who were at the meeting Monday would devote two days every year to discussing plans for preventing a recurrence of the situation which we now face some good could be accomplished. Labor will get through somehow. Let the moneyed people cut the strings and we'll see things improve."

## CITY WILL HELP JOBLESS WITH OVER \$3,000,000

The city itself Tuesday promised to practice what it preaches—further the "hire-a-man" movement. City officials set working machinery to get an early start on public works entailing an expenditure of \$2,675,000 to \$3,387,000.

Projects definitely promised:

Waterworks extensions worth \$2,000,000, including the construction of a \$600,000 reservoir. This will give 200 men work for a year.

Municipal light extensions totaling \$500,000.

Elimination of Dugway brook at a cost of \$175,000. This will give 100 men work for six months.

Upon the haste of Nickel Plate engineers rests the decision of the city to throw \$712,000 into the elimination of that railway's grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue. Mayor Baker has agreed to advance the city's share provided work is started at once.

Little relief in the way of putting men to work on streets can be expected, Mayor Baker said Tuesday. The weather prohibits, he said, and expenditure of all funds at this time leaving little for next summer would be unwise.

## COUNCILMEN WIPE OUT SMOKE OFFICE

Appropriate \$4,500 to Building Inspector's Department to Do Work.

Won't Reconsider Chadsey Cut, Despite Chamber of Commerce Appeal.

### BUDGET DEVELOPMENTS.

OVERDRAFTS for the year 1914, reported by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, make total operating deficit of \$1,011,000.

APPROVAL of appropriation ordinance by the council committees yesterday will necessitate the borrowing of about \$1,000,000 to meet current expenses.

SMOKE PREVENTION bureau voted out of existence.

COMMITTEES refuse to reconsider cut in salary of Chief Mildred Chadsey of bureau of sanitation.

Cleveland's bureau of smoke prevention was voted out of existence yesterday by city council committees on appropriations and finance.

An hour before the committees voted to strike out the appropriation for the bureau Smoke Commissioner E. P. Roberts handed his letter of resignation to Mayor Newton D. Baker.

The committee voted to allow an appropriation of \$4,500 to permit addition of three men to the force of inspectors in the building department which will handle the work. The bureau was operated at a cost of \$11,000 in 1914.

Disregarding a communication from the Chamber of Commerce housing committee urging that the \$1,800 salary allowed the chief of the bureau of sanitation in 1914 be allowed to stand, the committees voted against reconsideration of their former action in cutting Miss Mildred Chadsey's salary from \$1,800 to \$1,200. Miss Chadsey said yesterday she would not remain at the reduced salary. The smoke division and the activities of Miss Chadsey as head of the bureau of sanitation were attacked by Chairman William Rolf of the joint committees. City Clerk Richard E. Collins, as a citizen, appeared before the committees to urge that personalities be disregarded in the consideration of the salary question.

The policy of retrenchment was not

extended by the committees to other departments at yesterday's session. The state-city free employment bureau was allowed \$4,055 to permit the appointment of four additional clerks. Secretary William H. Kirby of the department of public service was allowed a salary increase of \$500 a year. His pay at present is \$2,500. A \$120 a year increase was also granted to a clerk in the public service department. The committees also voted to allow an additional \$500 for the Woodland-av bathhouse work and \$145 for the preparation of street comfort station plans by Architect W. S. Lougee.

After debate the majority of the committees voted to allow an appropriation of \$2,000 for the continuation of the anti-fly work under the direction of Dr. Jean Dawson. The law department was allowed an additional \$3,000 for the payment of damage claims and an additional \$4,800 was allowed for sewer maintenance. The committee also voted to allow \$3,000 for the fitting up of the old Cleveland General hospital as a temporary lodging house.

It was reported by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin that unpaid bills for the year 1914 reached \$246,000. This with the operating debt of \$765,000 incurred up to the end of 1914 makes a total operating deficit of \$1,011,000, but the finance director said yesterday an effort would be made to reduce the debt to \$1,000,000 or less. The appropriation ordinance must be passed by council Monday evening. If passed in its present form it will necessitate the issue of revenue notes amounting to about \$1,000,000 to meet expenses during 1915; it is pointed out.

The letter of resignation handed to the mayor yesterday by the smoke commissioner in part follows:

With all the force possible, I urge that an activity which must assuredly at an annual expenditure of less than \$12,000 save the city several million dollars be not allowed, or made to step backward, and, therefore, that it be placed in charge of an engineer whose professional and personal standing will command respect. I believe that such a man cannot be obtained for \$2,400 (as suggested) or for \$3,600 (as has been the salary) unless he is interested in the work for other than financial reasons. In normal times at least, he would be making far more, possibly several times as much (as was the fact in my case) from his private practice.

The Chamber of Commerce committee in its communication made the point that the motion to decrease the salary of the chief of sanitation was cut without discussion and with no preliminary intimation. The chief's salary as now fixed is less than that of some of her subordinates. The committee further states this is the first backward step that has been taken by the city in relation to health and sanitation in more than ten years. The committee further says:

Our committee holds no brief for the present incumbent of the office of chief of the bureau of sanitation. If it is possible to obtain for this office one more fitted to perform its duties we will do all in our power to aid the proper city officials in obtaining such a person and in working with whoever is obtained. We do not hesitate to say, however, unequivocally, it will be impossible to obtain a proper and competent person for \$1,200 a year. The present incumbent at \$1,800 a year has repeatedly been offered positions at larger salaries.

She has stayed in her position largely because of her desire to render an important public service, even at a personal sacrifice. At the time of the civil service examination for her position, members of our committee on housing conditions, who assisted the examiner, felt the keen injustice which was done to her and to her position by the type of candidates who submitted themselves in competition for this position. Not one person of similar attainments, either as to education or experience, took the examination. Of these she was the only one who attained a passing grade.

The position at that time was advertised as paying \$1,800 a year. We submit to your committees that with a salary of \$1,200 a year the possible applicants would be even less suitable.

Opposition from Mayor Baker caused the council committees at yesterday's meeting to cut out the \$1,000 appropriation for the salary of interim judges at municipal court.

"There are five young men there who can handle all the work," said the mayor. "The judges need not have their vacations at the same time. There is no reason why every one should have vacation in summer."



## PERMIT JOBLESS TO DIG BIG DITCH FOR FOOD AND BED

**City Officials Arrange for Idle Men to Labor on Drainage Project at Warrensville Farm.**

**Recruits Will be Taken From Bread and Soup Lines to Work at Quarrying Stone.**

**WOMEN TO AID IN HOME BY HIRING MORE HELP**

**Great Municipal Projects Expected to Relieve Situation.**

The homeless and unemployed of Cleveland are going to be put to work digging a big drainage ditch and quarrying stone at the Warrensville city farm. Their labor will be paid by board and lodgings.

Last night men who applied for places to sleep at the fourteen Cleveland police stations, the Wayfarers' lodge of the Associated Charities and other free lodgings were told they may receive warm shelter and good food at the Warrensville farm in return for their labor on the irrigation projects and in the farm stone quarries.

At central station last night twenty-one homeless men had volunteered to work at Warrensville. The number who may have applied at other precinct stations was not known. It was said twenty-five reported at the city outdoor relief department during the day and offered to go to Warrensville.

This policy was adopted by the city yesterday at the suggestion of Supt. Robert Mack of the farm colony. The plan was proposed at a meeting of heads of the public welfare department to consider the unemployment situation.

The city expects to perfect the farm drainage system and to obtain sufficient stone from the farm quarries to make needed road improvements by the labor of men unable to find work elsewhere.

### Make Work Optional.

Work at the farm will be optional to a certain extent. The plan is expected to show the proportion of men really willing to work as opposed to the percentage of those who would not work in winter under ordinary conditions.

Single men and the transient element of the unemployed will be expected to accept the city's offer. Men from the free soup and bread lines will be offered the opportunity of working. Fifty beds are available for these men at the city farm and many more will be provided as needed.

The new workers will be kept apart from the prisoners at the farm. They will be kept in what are known as the "trusty lodges," a quarter of a mile from the prison buildings. A kitchen

tained at the lodgings.

The men will be employed over 500 acres.

The appropriations committee of the city council yesterday provided \$3,000 for remodeling, if necessary, the old Cleveland General hospital, Woodland-av S. E., near E. 23d-st, into a municipal lodging house. It is thought, however, this money may be used instead to provide additional accommodations at the Warrensville farm.

The council appropriations committee also allowed \$4,050 for the expenses of the state-city free employment bureau, city hall. This amount was asked by W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the bureau.

### Ask Aid of Women.

Organizations representing thousands of Cleveland women are to be banded together under pledges to refrain from unwise retrenchments in reducing the regular amount of labor hired in homes and to observe a systematic policy of making new work for the jobless.

This was apparently assured yesterday at a meeting of the Consumers' league in Goodrich house, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 6th-st, when a report presented by a committee which has investigated the unemployment problem in Cleveland was approved.

## PERMIT JOBLESS TO DIG BIG DITCH FOR FOOD AND BED

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terday at a meeting of the Consumers' league in Goodrich house, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 6th-st, when a report presented by a committee which has investigated the unemployment problem in Cleveland was approved.

The first step to line the women's organizations up with the "give a job" movement started Monday at a meeting of leading citizens in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker, will be made this morning.

Representatives of the Consumers' league, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Woman's Suffrage party, the Woman's Association of Commerce and a half dozen other organizations will meet in the city hall offices of the state-city free employment bureau. They will formulate definite plans to give work for women. They will also discuss plans for creating temporary jobs for unemployed men about homes and in other places.

Progress of the "give a job" movement was encouraging in other directions yesterday. City officials announced work would be started as soon as possible on water works extensions involving \$2,000,000, municipal light extensions totaling \$500,000 and the elimination of Dugway brook at a cost of \$175,000. These contracts when started will give work to at least 500 men.

Nickel Plate railroad grade crossing eliminations also will be started soon if the city can persuade railroad officials to begin the work with the city's share of the money to complete the project.

The new registration of the unemployed begins this morning in the state-city free employment bureau. The new registration is expected to afford information to be used in classifying the jobless to determine how many are in actual want as opposed to those who are possessed of resources.

Representatives of the women's organizations who meet in the vocational guidance branch of the state-city free employment bureau, while the unemployed are gathering this morning, will be prepared to look after the women applicants.

In addition to the Consumers' league there will be represented at this conference the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Woman's Association of Commerce, the Y. W. C. A., the Woman's Suffrage party and other bodies.

They will be asked to indorse the policy formulated by the special committee of the Consumers' league, consisting of Mrs. Henry S. Upson, Mrs. Henry L. Sanford, Mrs. Allan T. Burns, Miss Eleanor Ferris and Miss Mary E. Parker.

The policy is based upon the committee's report relating particularly to personal and household budgets of women.

The report recommends anticipatory spending as follows:

Buy now household supplies that will be needed within the next six months, as table linen, bed linen, etc.

Have work done now instead of later in the year.

Small repairs and odd jobs about the house, pared with a decrease of 24 per cent. in Making of window and door screens, lattices, pergolas, porches, garages.

Whitewashing cellars.

Taking away ashes and debris.

Furniture refinished and reupholstered; porch furniture painted.

Mattresses and pillows renovated.

Interior painting, papering and decorating.

White sewing, children's sewing, making of curtains, rag and braided rugs.

Some house cleaning, as attics and closets.

Urging women not to discharge household servants and not to retrench in lines of necessities the report points out retrenchments that may be indulged in properly:

A person's regular contributions to charity, religious work and benevolences, at home and abroad, are too often the first field for retrenchment because the easiest, since their cutting off does not require the inconvenience of self-denial. Instead of the first, they should be the last resort.

The second form of unwise retrenchment is reducing the regular amount of labor hired in the home. Mr. Hennessy in his report on unemployment compared advertisements for help wanted in four Cleveland dailies for the same period in 1914 and 1913.

## UNION TO OPPOSE COUNCIL OFFICERS

**Iron Workers' Body Outlines Fight Against Leaders of Trades Order.**

**Federation of Labor to Nominate Office Candidates Tonight.**

Charles Smith, business agent of the Cleveland Building Trades council, whose resignation as secretary of the Structural Iron Workers' union and as that body's delegate to the council, was requested recently and received, will be opposed for re-election by the iron workers, it became known last night.

Nominations for council officers will be made Friday night. Re-election of all council officers probably will be opposed by the iron workers.

Plans for the battle were made at the iron workers' meeting last night at their headquarters, 1026 Walnut-av N. E. Another meeting of union officers will be held this morning to select a slate the union will back. The annual council election will be held Jan. 22.

Smith holds his card as a union man from the hoisting engineers' union, which made him a member when he resigned from the iron workers' union.

Principal officers of the iron workers' organization are Thomas Murphy, president, and John Lyons, business agent. Lyons is serving his second term. He served the first one fifteen years ago when the union was organized.

Quiet is expected to mark the annual election of the Cleveland Federation of Labor. Nominations will be made tonight. Election takes place in two weeks. Incumbents, with one exception, will probably be re-elected, it was said yesterday.

Attorneys for Otto Stange, contracting superintendent, directing work on the city Division-st filtration plant, asked municipal court for a jury trial yesterday. The request was granted. Stange is charged with violating the eight-hour day ordinance for city employees. The case was postponed to Friday morning.

Common Pleas Judge Manuel Levine yesterday refused an injunction requested by William and Robert Moreau, 1793 W. 48th-st, against local No. 3 of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers. The Moreaus, who are pipe coverers, said the union had interfered with their business. Judge Levine held there was no evidence of interference.



## LODGING HOUSE FOR JOBLESS IS UP TO COUNCIL

Committee Approves Plan to  
Convert Hospital Into  
'Charity Home.'

## CHURCHES TO AID CAUSE

Warrensville Farm to Furnish  
Residences for Unemployed  
Who Make Demands.

Council committee on appropriations yesterday took a definite, practical step toward alleviating the condition of unemployment which is engaging the attention of experts here, when it restored the appropriation of \$4,025 to the division of employment, which it previously voted down.

In addition the committee voted an appropriation of \$3,000, asked by Councilman McGinty, for renovation and alteration of the old Cleveland General Hospital property on Woodland avenue, into a municipal lodging house.

An appeal for work for the unemployed women whose applications poured into the emergency workroom opened in the Y. W. C. A. building, under the supervision of the Cleveland Federation of Women's Clubs, yesterday will be made from pulpits in 200 churches as a result of indorsement of the plan by the Federated Churches.

Letters to the pastors of the affiliated churches asking them to urge the 60,000 or more people comprising their congregations to furnish work were mailed by Rev. E. R. Wright, secretary of the organization, after the executive committee had approved the plan.

### Charities Support Plan.

Not to be outdone in the matter of emergency relief, the department of public welfare decided to give board and lodging to all homeless and jobless men who will work for it, at Warrensville farms.

The plan has the support and will have the co-operation of the Associated Charities, the State-City Free Employment Agency, the Cleveland Welfare Council and Chief of Police Rowe.

While the emergency workroom opened in the Y. W. C. A. building under the supervision of the Cleveland Federation of Women's Clubs was besieged by women applicants, most of them in desperate need of work which the public is expected to furnish, the executive committee of the Consumers' League voted to establish an emergency employment service for women.

Mayor Baker deferred appointment of a committee of fifteen which will work with the state-city agency in preparing a preferred list of unemployed men and generally expediting the matter of relief until today.

Commissioner of Employment Hennessey was jubilant over the restoration of the appropriation to his department.

### Called Civic Problem.

"It means," he said, "that Cleveland can now have an efficient labor exchange. It was absolutely necessary that the city support the division of employment to make this possible."

"The problem of unemployment is more a city than a state problem, I think. The state has done its part and I am very glad that Cleveland is going to do its share. I think we shall be able to have a highly efficient agency for bringing the man and the job together."

The action of the appropriations committee probably will be approved next Monday night. McGinty said it would take but a short time to make the old hospital building suitable for a lodging house, beds and a heating system being the primary needs, aside from alterations and repairs.

Men applying to police headquarters, Associated Charities, State-City Free Employment Agency and allied organizations, for board and lodging, will be offered the opportunity of accepting the department of public welfare's offer.

### Will Use Workhouse.

At Warrensville they will be given work in the stone quarry or digging ditches in return for which they will be fed and lodged in the frame buildings that were formerly used for workhouse purposes. There is room in the buildings to accommodate 200 men, although, at present there are beds for only fifty.

Those applying to the police for this work will be sent to the farms each morning in one of the police emergency automobiles. Most of the concern shown on every hand for the unemployed thus far, has been for the married man. The Warrensville plan gives the single man a chance to live until he can get a wage-earning job.

The Cleveland public must rally to the support of the emergency workroom in the Y. W. C. A. if the unemployed women are to be given work, those in charge said yesterday. Many pathetic cases were brought to the attention of Miss Genevieve Cline and Miss Mary Comstock, who were "on duty." There was not nearly enough work to go around.

Miss Cline said that the greatest demand was for women to go to homes and work. Several were sent from the workroom yesterday.

"What we need, however, is more work," said she. "It is difficult to make people realize the need of these women. They are willing to do almost any kind of work about a house."

"We are looking forward to active support from several organizations. There is work enough in Cleveland for all these women if only it is brought to us."

Their names may be had from the emergency workroom by those desirous of helping them to be independent.

A suggestion that will mean the much-needed work for both men and women if carried out, was embodied in a report by the executive committee on various phases of household economy.

One young woman pleaded for sewing or some other work that she could do at home where she is compelled to remain to care for her blind mother. They receive an income of \$3 a week, which is not sufficient to pay their rent.

The league's emergency plan is in charge of the unemployment committee, working in conjunction with Miss Pauline Weitz, of the vocational guidance bureau. Headquarters for receiving employers will be at the latter place; for receiving applicants, at the State-City agency, in the city hall.

Registration or reregistration of all the unemployed at the State-City agency this week was asked by Commissioner Hennessey.

Fully 4,000 hungry men were served in The News coffee line at the S. C. Smith Company yesterday. Among the donors were Wilfred Singleton, manager of the Star Baking Company; B. G. Heiser, president of the Heiser Company, who gave three overcoats to ill-clad men in line, and A. F. Amor, manager of the Weddell House, who gave pairs of gloves and mittens.

## SMOKE INSPECTOR QUITS; JOB LIKELY TO BE ABOLISHED

Council Committee Votes to  
Incorporate Office in  
Building Inspection.

## MISS CHADSEY'S PAY CUT

Board Refuses to Reconsider  
Action; Sanitation Chief  
Probably Will Resign.

E. P. Roberts, city commissioner of smoke inspection, yesterday forwarded his resignation to Mayor Baker, after the city council committee on appropriations had voted to place the work in the division of building inspection. Roberts' resignation becomes effective March 1.

The resignation of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, will follow if the council backs up the recommendations of the committee in cutting the salary of the position from \$1,800 to \$1,200 per year. The committee yesterday refused to reconsider its action, in spite of protests made by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I had hoped that the council would vote to continue the work along the same lines," said Roberts. "After I leave the city employ I intend to help all I can in the development of the work. I believe that the division can do more effective work as now organized and feel that councilmen did not understand what was being done. The elimination of smoke should proceed along reasonable lines. The commissioner should be relieved of considerable detail and left free to devote time to more experimental work."

### Salary Cut \$1,200 a Year.

Roberts said that he would remain until March 1 at the request of Mayor Baker. The appropriation committee at a previous meeting cut the salary of the commissioner from \$3,600 to \$2,400 per year. Yesterday it voted to wipe out the division and allow the division of buildings an additional \$4,500 for smoke observers. The transfer would require concurrence of the city board of control, which was expected to back up Roberts.

New appropriations were made by the committee yesterday and several salary increases granted, in spite of the refusal to change its action which will lead to the resignation of Miss Chadsey. The committee indicated that it would recommend the borrowing of \$950,000 for the year's operating expenses. An appropriation of \$2,000 was voted to carry on a fly exterminating campaign under the direction of Dr. Jean Dawson, of Normal School. The funds were placed in the bureau of sanitation.

The salary of W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, was increased from \$2,500 per year to \$3,000. An appropriation of \$300 for an assistant matron at the Girl's Home at Warrensville was restored, although but eleven inmates are cared for there.

### Extra Judges Refused.

At the request of Mayor Baker the committee cut \$1,000 for the payment of salaries of interim judges from the municipal court appropriation.

"I don't think that this is a justifiable expenditure," said Baker. "The seven young men on the bench there ought to be able to handle all cases and arrange vacations so that extra judges will not be needed."

Director of Finance Coughlin and City Clerk Collins advocated a reconsideration of the action of the committee in voting to reduce the salary of Miss Chadsey. In a communication to the committee the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce declared that this was the first backward step taken in relation to the health and sanitation of the city in more than ten years.

"Our committee holds no brief for the present incumbent of the office," said the communication. "If it is possible to secure for this office one more fitted to perform its duties we will do all in our power to aid city officials in securing such a person and in working with whoever is secured in the future."

The committee pointed out that Miss Chadsey had repeatedly been offered positions at larger salaries, but had remained in her present position because of a desire to render an important public service even at a personal sacrifice.

### Ordinance Up Monday.

Miss Chadsey was the only applicant receiving a passing grade at recent civil service examinations, the committee said. It was pointed out that in Pittsburgh the superintendent of the bureau of sanitation received a salary of \$4,000 per year; in Cincinnati, \$2,250, and in Buffalo, \$2,300.

The communication was signed by Paul L. Feiss, H. R. Crow, David E. Green, Edward L. Howe, James F. Jackson, Virgil G. Marani, Francis T. Moran and Julius Timendorfer.

The appropriation ordinance will be up for passage at Monday night's meeting of the council.



# BAKER PICKS COMMISSION TO HELP IDLE

## Immediate Relief of Unemployed is Predicted by Mayor—New Body Meets to Organize Thursday.

Mayor Baker Wednesday named a commission of 37 representative Clevelanders as the directing force behind the biggest community campaign ever waged here for relief of destitute unemployed.

A powerful, systematic effort to find or create emergency jobs for penniless men and women is the goal set before the commission.

The commission is to organize at a meeting at 3 p. m. Thursday in the chamber of commerce. Definite plans are then to be mapped out for the immediate beginning of the "find-a-job" and "give-a-job" campaign.

The mayor's commission em-

braces men and women at the head of big industries, big civic activities, and big community undertakings. It was appointed in the belief that Cleveland faces the greatest unemployment crisis in her history.

**Goff Temporary Chairman.**

F. H. Goff, founder of the Cleveland foundation, and president of the Cleveland Trust Co., was named temporary chairman by Mayor Baker. T. P. Garvin, secretary of the Cleveland advertising club, was named temporary secretary.

Pastors, bankers, manufacturers, women club workers, one labor leader, charitable workers, philanthropists, members of the chambers of commerce and industry, and others were selected by Baker to direct the relief campaign.

"I have appointed this commission in the belief that it will perform the task with vigor and success," Mayor Baker said.

**Women Join Move.**

Simultaneously with the mayor's announcement women club workers met and agreed to accept a room on the first floor of the city hall for a big sewing room to give employment to workless women.

A sewing room opened in the Y. W. C. A. has been found inadequate. The city hall room is to be fitted up for immediate operation.

An army of men and women crowded the rooms of the state-city free labor bureau all day Wednesday, the first day of registration for destitute unemployed. The registration is to continue all week, from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day.

Employment Commissioner W. F. Hennessy is to present at Thursday's meeting of the mayor's commission the full list of destitute unemployed who register before Thursday noon.

This list is to be made the basis for the plans of the commission.

**To O. K. Appropriation.**

City council Monday night is expected to approve an appropriation of \$4050 for Hennessy's labor bureau, which was voted late Tuesday by the appropriations committee.

Fifty homeless men were sent to Warrensville farm Wednesday by Welfare Director Cooley. They will be given lodging and food in return for work on sewage and drainage systems at the farm.

"The main work of relief is to be directed toward those men and women who are not only workless, but without means of obtaining lodging or food for themselves and dependents," said chairman Goff of the mayor's commission.

"We must reach the hearts of Cleveland citizens and employers with the appeal, 'Here are men and women who have no work and who are willing to do anything for any price!' That's an appeal which cannot be denied by the community."

Commissioner Hennessy announced Wednesday that in the 13 days since The Press appealed to the Cleveland foundation for a relief plan, there have been 4108 applicants at the state-city labor bureau, 192 jobs filled, and 225 calls for workers.

Council Monday night is expected to approve an appropriation voted by the appropriations committee for making the old Cleveland General hospital on Woodland-av into a municipal lodging house.

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# MAYOR NAMES COMMITTEE TO GET WORK FOR JOBLESS

Thirty-seven Cleveland men and women, representing the Cleveland Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Labor, Consumers' League, Federation of Women's clubs, other civic organizations and the four daily newspapers will comprise the general citizens' committee to take charge of measures for relieving Cleveland's unemployed.

Announcement of the personnel of the committee was made Wednesday by Mayor Baker. The first meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce library at 3 p. m. Thursday. F. H. Goff, president of the Cleveland Trust Company, will be temporary chairman, and Thomas C. Garvin, secretary of the Cleveland Advertising club, temporary secretary.

**Here Is Committee**

The members appointed are: C. E. Adams, Morris A. Black, Allen T. Burns, Miss Genevieve Cline, W. H. Cottingham, Thomas Coughlin, Charles Eiseman, Thomas S. Farrell, Paul Feiss, T. C. Garvin, F. H. Goff, E. V. Hale, Samuel Halle, E. C. Hopwood, H. H. Johnson, Miss Myrta L. Jones, George W. Kinney, Arch C. Klumph, Mrs. L. Lascelles, F. D. Lawrence, Rev. C. H. LeBlond, Eugene MacLean, W. von Nostitz, Mgr. T. C. O'Reilly, F. F. Prentiss, T. A. Robertson, W. D. Sayle, Miss Belle Sherwin, John Sherwin, Rev. Minot O. Simons, Victor Sincere, John J. Stanley, F. W. Stecker, J. J. Sullivan, Rev. E. H. Tippet, Rev. Worth M. Tippy and T. C. Wellsted.

"Complete authority to deal with the situation is vested in the committee," Baker said. "My selection of a secretary is only for the convenience of the first meeting."

At Thursday's meeting it will be decided whether the campaign to obtain emergency jobs for the 61,000 unemployed is to be a "house-top" one, with lots of publicity and prop-

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day luncheons to report progress, or a quiet, dignified one by letter and personal and telephone appeal. All phases of the unemployed situation will be taken up.

**City-state free employment bureau**

offices, Rockwell avenue and East 3d street, were jammed Wednesday with workless men seeking to re-register for emergency jobs. Each applicant was asked whether he owned real estate, had a bank account, how much he would work for and how much it cost to live each week. W. F. Hennessy, in charge, estimated 3,000 would register for the preferred list by Wednesday night.

Of the 1,200 who registered Wednesday morning not one had a bank account and only one owned real estate. A big majority proffered to work for \$2 a day. Average weekly living cost ranged about \$6 to \$8, depending on the number of children.

Substantial aid in finding employment for men on the preferred list will result from the Leader-News "job-a-day" campaign, Hennessy said.

"The idea is one of the best put forward so far," Hennessy declared. "I hope and expect many Clevelanders will take advantage of the Leader-News offer, fill out the blank and return it. It is a great aid to have the newspapers exert their energies in trying to ameliorate a critical situation."

The welfare department's plan of giving single, destitute men an opportunity to work for their lodging and meals by ditching and working



Thursday

## HOPE GROWS FOR JOBLESS AS CITY BOARD IS NAMED

Committee Appointed by  
Mayor to Rush Relief  
Plans Today.

### WOMEN ALSO TO BE AIDED

Leader-News Coupon Method for  
Obtaining Work Praised  
by Burns.

Solution of the problem of finding work for Cleveland's unemployed is now in the hands of a committee of thirty-seven, named yesterday by Mayor Baker. A subcommittee of women, to handle the special problem of unemployed women, is expected to be named when the mayor's committee meets today.

The employment committee, of which F. H. Goff, president of the Cleveland Foundation, is temporary chairman, will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the library of the Chamber of Commerce. A definite program will be drawn up when the committee is permanently organized today.

The committee embraces business and professional men, clergymen, and heads of various civic, business and welfare organizations, both of men and women.

#### Move Workroom to City Hall.

Following the appointment of this committee, a meeting of representatives of eight women's organizations was held at the office of Superintendent Hennessy, of the state-city free employment exchange, in the city hall, to discuss the women's employment situation.

The emergency workroom for women, opened Monday at the Y. W. C. A. under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Women's Clubs, was indorsed, and it was agreed to broaden the scope of the workroom by moving it to the first floor of the city hall. While plans for the operation of the workroom on a more elaborate scale than at present were not definitely made, it is proposed that the auxiliary committee of women, expected to be formed today, will have charge of it.

Tentative plans embrace the appointment of daily chairmen to be responsible for each day's expenses of the workroom, where sewing will be done for charity and for the Red Cross, the expenses to be raised by subscription.

#### Preferred List Planned.

It was also proposed to supply volunteer women workers to assist Superintendent Hennessy in the making of a preferred list of destitute unemployed.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Myrta Jones, president of the Consumers' League.

The Federation of Women's Clubs was represented by Miss Genevieve Cline, its president, who originated and started the emergency workroom for women, which is to be adopted as part of the general relief plan.

Other organizations were represented as follows: Woman's Association of Commerce, Miss Mildred

Mrs. Charles S. Brooks and Miss Ella Matthews; Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Nathan Rosewater and Mrs. M. Feder; Y. W. C. A., Miss Mary Rathbun; Welfare Council, Miss Belle Sherwin; Vocational Guidance Bureau, Miss Pauline Weitz and Miss Bertha Stevens. Allen T. Burns, director of the Cleveland Foundation, and W. H. Wynans, secretary of the city welfare department, were also present.

#### Welfare Council Meets Today.

Unemployed women, who have previously been registered for work in the emergency workroom both at the Y. W. C. A. and at the State-City Free Employment Exchange, will hereafter be listed only at the exchange.

Those who are in urgent need of employment because they are facing destitution, will be placed on a preferred list, as will also be done with men who are supporting families and are in dire need. They must register again, however, even if they have previously registered at the city hall. According to Mr. Hennessy, whose force handled more than 1,000 registrations yesterday, it is desired that applicants call in person, and it is difficult to care for telephone calls or mail applications.

Prior to the meeting of the mayor's committee this afternoon, a special meeting of the Cleveland Welfare Council will be held at 12:30 in the directors' room at the Chamber of Commerce.

Various phases of the unemployment situation and plans to prevent a recurrence of the situation are to be discussed, according to the letter.

#### Burns Praises Coupon Plan.

At the meeting of the mayor's committee, the first topic for discussion is expected to be the character of the campaign to put unemployed at work. At conferences of officials, business men and social workers, which led to the appointment of the committee, differences of opinions developed as to whether the campaign should be conducted quietly, or with all possible publicity to enlist as many persons as possible in it.

The committee is empowered to

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take steps deemed best without any further conferences with officials.

Allen T. Burns, who originated the idea of having the mayor appoint a committee, declared yesterday that The Leader-News coupon plan to find work will be of the utmost assistance to the general relief plan. Mr. Burns also praised the work thus far accomplished in the emergency workroom for women, declaring it will prove the basis for a comprehensive relief plan.

Besides Mr. Goff and T. C. Garvin, temporary secretary of the mayor's committee, members are:

Charles E. Adams	Rev. C. H. Le Blond
Morris A. Black	Eugene MacLean
Allen T. Burns	W. Von Nostitz
Miss Genevieve Cline	Msgr. T. C. O'Reilly
W. H. Cottingham	F. F. Prentiss
Thomas Coughlin	Thos. A. Robertson
Charles Eisenman	W. D. Sayle
Thomas S. Farrell	Miss Belle Sherwin
Paul Feiss	John Sherwin
E. V. Hale	Rev. M. C. Simons
Samuel Halle	Victor Sincere
E. C. Hopwood	John J. Stanley
H. H. Johnson	F. W. Stecker
Myrta L. Jones	J. J. Sullivan
George W. Kinney	Rev. E. H. Tippet
A. C. Klumph	Rev. Worth M. Tippy
Mrs. L. Lascelles	T. C. Wellsted
F. D. Lawrence	

Members of the Woman's Civic Association, meeting yesterday, named a committee to co-operate with the general relief committee appointed by Mayor Baker. This committee will offer the services of the association to Mayor Baker today. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Perry L.

### FIFTY-EIGHT AIDED AT WARRENSVILLE

FIFTY-EIGHT homeless men were housed at Warrensville last night in the old city farm building. Earlier in the day they accepted the Warrensville method of working for their room and board and were taken to the farm colony in police emergency patrols. Twenty-one were taken out before noon. Thirty-seven were taken out late in the afternoon. They were assured of meals and lodging in return for their work in the ditches and stone quarry. The News' coffee line at Frankfort avenue and W. 6th street supplied several thousand hungry men and women with hot coffee and rolls yesterday. More than 100 gallons of coffee were required to meet the demand.

Hobbs, Mrs. L. M. Joy and Mrs. J. K. Parker.

## CITIZENS URGED TO HELP IN FINANCING CONVENTION HALL

City to Donate Site for Building  
to Be Erected With Private  
Capital, Plan Considered  
Most Feasible.

Joint action on the part of the city and private individuals in the financing of a municipal convention hall was favored at a conference yesterday between a special council committee and the Cleveland auditorium committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The project was recently revived, after years of discussion. Members of the committee went into the question of location, purposes of the convention hall and plans for financing, at the meeting.

The plan of having the city donate or lease a site to a company, privately financed, with a provision that the building was to revert to the city at a stated period of years was considered the most feasible. It was agreed that the city alone could not finance the project unless the building could be considered a public utility and mortgage bonds issued. Director of Law Stockwell is to be asked for a ruling on this point.

#### Sites Considered.

Land owned by the city north of the new city hall and north of railroad tracks is available for a convention hall site, in the opinion of Councilman Reynolds. Victor W. Sincere, manager of the Bailey Company, thought that the building ought to be in the downtown hotel and retail store district. F. F. Prentiss thought that it should be built within the proposed Mall, although of less expensive construction than other buildings in the group plan.

Members agreed to eliminate the music hall feature of the building from the discussion. Mr. Sincere suggested that products of Cleveland manufacturers could be assembled in the proposed building, for the convenience of buyers.

Discussion centered about the lake-front site. Munson A. Havens, secretary of the chamber, feared that switch tracks might prevent the erection of a convention building along the lake front. City engineers were asked to submit maps of the lake front land owned by the city.

#### Committee to Meet Again January 22

Another meeting of the joint committee will be held at the city hall Friday, January 22. Those attending yesterday's meeting were F. F. Prentiss, W. D. B. Alexander, Munson A. Havens, William H. Hunt, George W. Kinney, Victor W. Sincere and W. G. Rose, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Director of Public Service Sidlo, City Clerk Collins and Councilmen Reynolds, Kalina and McGinty, representing the city.



## PUBLIC RESPONDS TO URGENT NEEDS OF WORK SEEKERS

Many Cleveland Organizations Take Interest in Crusade to Promote Employment.

Warrensville Job Brings Numerous Applications and Party is Sent to Farm.

WOMEN KEENLY ALERT  
IN EFFORT TO HELP

City Councilmen May Exercise Ward Supervision.

### WAY TO AID.

If you need a man or a woman, skilled or no, for an hour, a day or a week, telephone Main 4600 and ask for the State-City Free Employment bureau. The bureau will fill your order at once.

If you are destitute and out of work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st, and file an application blank. The bureau, with the support of industries and private citizens, will endeavor to get you a situation.

Suggestion that immediate efforts be made to organize householders and housewives into clubs to promote employment for destitute unemployed men and women last night followed announcement of the personnel of a citizens' committee appointed yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker.

On the committee, which is to outline a definite plan of action, are thirty-seven business men and women.

Other developments in the "give a job" campaign were the sending of fifty-eight men to the city farm at Warrensville to work on a drainage project; the re-registration of job seekers at the state-city free employment bureau, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st; the determination at a conference of women's organizations to plan immediate help for unemployed women, and the announcement of the city council committee on labor that it will report at council meeting Monday night that it believes councilmen should serve as committees of one in their respective wards to help the unemployed get situations.

### Agents File Protest.

An antagonistic movement against the efforts of the campaign was heard during the day, according to W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the state-city bureau.

Mr. Hennessy said he had learned Attorney Virgil J. Terrell, acting for

the private employment agencies, had questioned the right of the city to appropriate \$4,055 for the work of Mr. Hennessy at the bureau, when Mr. Hennessy is a state employee and not a city employee in the strictest sense.

"A week or two ago," said Mr. Hennessy, "the proprietors of a private agency said if I got the appropriation I asked for it would be a long time before I would be able to spend it."

Mr. Terrell declared Mr. Hennessy was unduly exercised and that he was simply investigating for the private agencies in connection with a proposed city ordinance now pending. This ordinance contains provisions for a city tax of \$200 on the private agencies and for an agency inspector.

Fifty-eight calls for men to fill jobs were received at the bureau yesterday. This is exclusive of the fifty-eight sent to Warrensville. Thirty-seven women were placed by the bureau during the day.

Total registrations at the employment bureau were 1,208. Of these 427 were new registrations, 732 renewals and forty-nine registrations of women.

To give a clearer insight into the needs of the job seekers and into their willingness to work, registration cards asked these new questions: Have you real estate, a bank account? What will you work for?

There were none with bank accounts. A few had real estate, but the real estate was their homes. Most of the applicants placed the sums they wanted for a day's work on the card, but many were willing to work "for money of any amount."

Indication that the majority of applicants are sincere in their requests for employment was best seen in the men who were sent to Warrensville.

"Club" organizations of householders and housewives to give jobs should be made on a precinct and block basis, it was suggested yesterday. Plans will be made at the meeting of the citizens' committee this afternoon to conduct canvasses

to induce women to club together for the employment of women to do house cleaning.

Similar clubs should be organized, it is believed, to have sidewalk cleaning done. This would be supplemental to the work of the street cleaning department, which is hindered at present by a shortage of funds.

At the meeting in the employment bureau yesterday morning representatives of six prominent organizations of women, called together by the Consumers' league, contributed their suggestions to Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland Foundation, and Mr. Hennessy.

One result of this conference is to be immediate relief for women and girls who are at present without means of support. Those who can sew are to be installed in a fully equipped work room in the city hall, to which Cleveland housewives are to be urged to send their necessary needlework. Others, not qualifying as seamstresses, according to the plan, are to be listed and permitted to earn their living at housework in homes where such employment is to be found.

Another result of yesterday's meeting is to be the abolishment of the employment bureau established by Miss Genevieve R. Cline at the Young Women's Christian association some time ago. This bureau, it was said at the conference, is too small to be of service.

Present at the conference were Miss Mildred Chadsey, representing the Woman's Association of Commerce; Miss Mary E. Rathbun, gen-

eral secretary Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. M. Feder, Council of Jewish Women; Miss Pauline Weitz, vocational guidance bureau; Mrs. Nathan Rosewater, Cleveland Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Charles H. Brooks, Woman Suffrage party of Cuyahoga county; Miss Myrta L. Jones, Consumers' league; Mr. Burns and Mr. Hennessy.

In the city hall room designated by Mr. Hennessy several sewing machines and one power machine from the Y. W. C. A. are to be installed. A supervisor is to be put in charge. Cleveland women are to be urged to

send their household sewing to the emergency employment bureau for women and girls.

Councilman A. R. Dittrock of the council committee on labor will recommend Monday night that the \$3,000 in the appropriation ordinance for the purchase of the old Cleveland General hospital, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 22d-st for a shelter house for unemployed be devoted to the work of the outdoor relief department.

The councilman and Welfare Director Harris R. Cooley both feel that the conversion of the hospital into a housing place for men is a step in the wrong direction at this time.

They feel that the present crusade is aimed to help men with families primarily, and that men with families do not want such shelter. Unmar-

ried men can take advantage of the Warrensville offer, they say.

A discussion of the needs of unemployed men and women ended at yesterday's meeting of the Women's Civic association by the appointment of a committee to interview Mayor Baker and offer the co-operation of the association in any plan for bringing together jobs and jobless.

Mrs. Anna Herbruck, president of the association, appointed Mrs. J. K. Parker, secretary; Mrs. Perry L. Hobbs and Mrs. J. L. Joy as bearers of the message to Mayor Baker. In an interview yesterday after the meeting the mayor invited this committee to attend the next meeting of his special committee on employment, which will take place today or tomorrow.

## URGE ABOLISHMENT OF RED LIGHT ZONE

Church Committees Indorse Mayor's Plan of Gradual Close of District.

Promise Made That Policy of Elimination Will be Continued.

Continuance of the administration policy of gradually eliminating the segregated district was urged by members of social betterment committees of the Federated Churches at a meeting yesterday with Mayor Newton D. Baker in the mayor's office.

The mayor reasserted his determination to close all houses in the district and promised this would be done this year. Some have been closed in the past month and others soon will be, it was promised.

The question of police control of conditions that might arise when the district is abolished was given attention. It was agreed that from every standpoint the policy determined on was preferable to permitting a segregated district even though new police methods of handling the evil would have to be adopted.

The committee of the Federated Churches, consisting of Rev. E. H. Tippet, Dr. A. R. Warner and George Smart, gave out this statement after yesterday's meeting:

The committee is deeply impressed with the importance of every citizen doing his part. Some criticism has been made by people who think the wiping out of the segregated district has not proceeded rapidly enough, while others, including citizens of good reputation, have gone to the mayor and urged that the red light district be extended.

We believe time will justify the policy which is being adopted, and if citizens generally will co-operate with the police the morals of the city can be vastly improved. It is especially incumbent upon all citizens, and particularly church members, to see that no residences or apartments which they own are used for any questionable purpose.

## ROLF FAVORS RAISE IN CHADSEY'S PAY

Councilman Will Lead in Fight to Restore Salary to \$1,800 a Year.

Despite Criticism of Work, He Thinks Job Worth Price Asked.

A fight to restore the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the sanitation bureau, to \$1,800 a year will be headed by Chairman William Rolf of the council committee on appropriations at Monday night's meeting of council.

The majority of the members of the council committees on appropriations and finance voted at a joint meeting Tuesday against a motion to reconsider the vote by which the salary at a previous meeting had been reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,200 a year.

Following a meeting with Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday, Councilman Rolf announced he would move to amend the appropriation ordinance at Monday night's meeting, when the measure comes up for final passage.

"There has been a misunderstanding

about my position on this question," he said. "I never voted to cut Miss Chadsey's salary. I do not agree with the policies she put into force in the section of the city I represent, and I said so plainly at the meeting. I also said I believed the position of chief of the bureau of sanitation should not be held by a woman. But I also believe the job is worth \$1,800 and that the question of who fills the place is an administration responsibility, not the council's."

Councilman Rolf also said yesterday he was opposed to delay in abolishing the smoke prevention division. Commissioner E. P. Roberts had suggested that his resignation take effect March 1.

"I believe that the bureau should go out of existence as soon as the appropriation ordinance is passed," said Mr. Rolf.

Building Commissioner V. D. Allen said yesterday his entire force of inspectors, forty in all, would co-operate in the smoke inspection work if the change is made. The appropriation ordinance, if passed in its present form, will result in the abolition of the bureau of information and publicity and the vocational guidance bureau, as well as the division of smoke prevention.



## BAKER TO HEAD FIGHT TO KEEP MISS CHADSEY

**Calls Councilmen Together;  
Will Demand That Salary  
Cut Be Killed**

### STOLTE STANDS PAT FOR \$600 REDUCTION

**Nonsensical, He Says, to Pay  
Her More Than Two Experi-  
enced Subordinates**

Mayor Baker took the first step Thursday noon in whipping councilmen into line for restoring the \$1,800 salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation, which was cut to \$1,200 by council finance and appropriations committees, when he called a special meeting of the two committees for the afternoon.

The meeting, to be held in Baker's office, was to be behind closed doors. It follows close on the heels of the committee members' refusal to reconsider their action, ignoring an appeal from the Chamber of Commerce housing and sanitation committees. Baker himself will demand that council forget its personal grievances against Miss Chadsey and give her a salary commensurate with her position.

If the \$1,200 salary stands Miss Chadsey will be paid less than two subordinates. Sanitary Sergeants Kadel and Motter, who now get \$1,350. She repeatedly has declared she will not work for one cent less than \$1,800, and took her case up with Baker himself.

In direct opposition to Councilman Rolf, who announced he would demand the \$1,800 salary be restored, Councilman Stolte declared Thursday he would make a fight on council floor for the lower figure.

"It's nonsensical, this idea of paying the head of a department who has no practical experience more than two subordinates who have given their whole lifework to sanitation," Stolte declared. "Statements made by adherents of Miss Chadsey that she has waged ceaseless war on the rolling towel and common drinking cup are absurd.

"Take the City Hall for one example. Individual towels and drinking cups are a rarity. What the sanitation department needs is more actual work and less planning."

Secretary of the Advertising club, temporary secretary.

Reports of re-registration for the preferred list in the city-state bureau office were to be given by Superintendent Hennessy of the State-City Free Employment bureau. He planned to urge that immediate action be taken as the situation is the most acute at present.

#### Coupons Find Many Jobs

Leader-News "give-a-job" coupons began to pour into the city-state offices and brought material aid. The Connelly Construction Company, 520 Leader-News building, requested 14 men for work in East 152d street. The order was filled. There were a score of other applications sent in on the coupons. Hennessy said all were filled.

Of a total of 58 men who signified their willingness to work in the quar-

ries and do ditching at the city farm and were transported thither in police emergencies, by Thursday morning 31 had taken "French leave."

Nineteen of the 31 slipped out quietly toward Randall, after first having had the advantage of a shower bath and a suit of woolen underwear which cost the city 50 cents at wholesale. The twentieth told Superintendent Mack he was going to leave for Buffalo and offered to turn in his underwear. Mack permitted the vagrant to keep the suit in return for his honesty.

#### Send More to City Farms

"The fact that the men refused to work for only their lodging and food makes it certain with me they hope to find work in Cleveland," said W. F. Hennessy, head of the state-city bureau.

Eugene C. Foster, in charge of the Wayfarers' lodge, said Thursday scores of men had applied at the lodge Wednesday night for permission to go to Warrensville. He told Welfare Director Cooley the plan should be tried for a day or two more at least. W. H. Winans, secretary to Cooley, thought likewise.

Another batch of single men were sent to Warrensville from the state-city headquarters, Rockwell avenue and East 3d street, late Thursday. If the same proportion of this number flee, it is probable the city's relief plan will be abandoned.

The 27 who stayed at Warrensville were equipped with rubber boots Thursday morning and put to digging a ditch. Watch will be kept to see that no boots disappear. The men will be kept at work six hours each day. Workhouse prisoners whose terms have expired and do not want to return to Cleveland will be worked with them.

#### "Why Make Them Work?"

"If the city wants to help out the unemployed it seems to me to be a poor plan to take men out to Warrensville in a patrol wagon and make them work for their meals and lodging," said Thomas Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor. "Why not give them their meals and lodging without making them work?"

Understand there are 700 men in the city who have no work to do.

The only labor representative on Baker's committee of 37, said he would oppose a attempt to have men work at less than union wages.

"The federation favors the job-a-day campaign so long as no effort is made to reduce wages," Farrell said. "We will not, however, countenance any plan to cheapen labor, and our position will be stated to the committee at the meeting Thursday afternoon."

## CAMPAIGN FINDS JOBS FOR 112 MEN AND 76 WOMEN

### THE JOB SITUATION SINCE CAMPAIGN BEGAN

**APPLICANTS for jobs since  
Wednesday, 1,305 men and 107  
women.**

**JOBS FILLED, 112 men and  
76 women.**

While first actual measures for the relief of Cleveland's army of unemployed were being undertaken at a meeting of Mayor Baker's general citizens' committee of 37 in the Chamber of

## COMMISSION MEETS TO OPEN JOB CRUSADE

Adoption of the details of the Cleveland foundation survey committee's plan for relief of Cleveland's unemployed was to be urged at a meeting of the relief commission of 37 citizens at the chamber of commerce at 3 p. m. Thursday.

A canvass of commission mem-

bers showed a determination to jump into the "find-a-job" campaign at the meeting without further delay. Crystallization of definite campaign plans is expected.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy was to point out the need for immediate action through an exhibit of over 1600 card applications of destitute men and women.

These registrations of the actually destitute who need emergency jobs were made at the state-city free labor exchange, city hall, in 15 hours. Thursday the bureau's offices were packed with applicants.

Agreement on these details is said to be certain at the commission's meeting.

The state-city bureau is to be

### COMMISSION MEETS TO OPEN JOB CRUSADE

made the clearing house for all applications for jobs and for workers.

Neighborhood "hire-a-worker" clubs are to be boosted by women club members and church congregations.

Preference in emergency jobs is to be given to destitute men with families.

Every possible field is to be canvassed by sub-committees in the effort to find or create emergency jobs.

A wide-open publicity campaign is to be waged, with noonday meetings, where reports of progress will be made public.

Banks are to be urged to lend money to builders to stimulate work.

City and county prospective work is to be combed over by a special subcommittee to provide emergency work.

#### To Assist Women.

Operation of a big sewing room in a first-floor room of the city hall is to be discussed at the commission's meeting. Clubwomen are backing the project, headed by Miss Myrta L. Jones and Miss Genevieve Cline.

"We will do all we can to aid the relief move, but we will fight to uphold the wage principle we have battled years to obtain," said J. W. Hart, federation of labor president, in commenting on a report that the federation would oppose the commission's work.

### TO RUN OR NOTTORUN? NORTON CAN'T ANSWER

Attorney Miner G. Norton, hovering on the brink of the mayoralty candidate whirlpool, won't take the plunge until assured by republican committeemen of their approval.

Norton said Thursday he will announce himself one way or the other Saturday night at a meeting of his backers in the Forest City house, which will follow a conference with republican leaders at which Norton will ask their advice.



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proved (etc.)."



## SALARIES CUT BY COUNCIL TO BE RESTORED

At a secret meeting Thursday of council appropriation committee, it was planned to sidestep a threatened battle in council Monday night by making these eleventh-hour changes in the appropriation ordinance:

Restoring the \$1800 salary of Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation bureau. The committee recently voted to cut the salary to \$1200.

Re-establishing smoke inspection as a separate city department, and placing the smoke inspector's salary at \$2400. E. P. Roberts, smoke inspector, recently resigned when the committee voted to wipe out his salary and put the department under Building Inspector Allen.

Restoring the \$3000 salary of T. M. Black, recreation commissioner, which was slashed to \$2400 recently.

### Meet With Baker.

The committee's secret meeting was to be held in Mayor Baker's office at 2 p. m. Thursday. Announcement of the meeting was passed late Wednesday to committee members Rolf, McGinty, Molte, Moylan, Damm and Fitzgerald.

Charges have been freely made that petty personal politics influenced the committee to slash salaries of Miss Chadsey, Roberts and Black.

A conference was held late Wednesday with Mayor Baker by committee members, and Thursday's meeting was decided upon.

Several councilmen, among them J. E. Smith and William Rolf, had planned to lead a fight in council Monday night, when it is expected the appropriation ordinance will be passed, against any cut in the salary of Chief Chadsey.

With the restoration of Miss Chadsey's present salary, the health department will be given practically all it asked for.

The fight to wipe out Smoke Inspector Roberts' salary was led in previous committee meetings by Chairman Rolf, who frankly stated it was a personal matter, because his twenty-sixth ward constituents objected to certain acts of Roberts.

### May Reject Offer.

It was believed Thursday that Roberts will not accept the \$2400 conciliation offering of the committee.

Councilmen have wrangled over the appointment of Recreation Commissioner Black ever since Welfare Director Cooley imported him from Montreal. Council democratic forces were lined up behind Sport Director McGinty, who wanted the job.

Mayor Baker finally swung support into line for Black. Further quabbling kept city playgrounds practically useless during the summer.

"I object to any attempt to fix salaries of employees because of personal feeling," Councilman Smith stated Thursday.

The restoration of \$600 to Miss Chadsey's salary, \$600 to Black's, and restoration of the smoke department with an inspector's salary of \$2400, will make the total estimated expenditures for 1915 about \$250,000 more than anticipated revenue. The city plans to borrow the money needed.

## COMMISSION ACTS TO SOLVE JOBLESS PROBLEM OF CITY

Committee of 37 Perfects  
Organization and Dis-  
cusses Means for Aid-  
ing Unemployed.

Clevelanders to Get Prefer-  
ence, While Households  
Will be Asked to  
Help First.

WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE  
ACTIVELY IN MOVEMENT

Organizations Plan to Install  
Sewing Machines in  
City Hall.

### ONE WAY YOU MAY AID

*If you need a man or a woman, skilled or no, for an hour, a day or a week, telephone Main 4600 and ask for the State-City Free Employment bureau. The bureau will fill your order at once.*

*If you are destitute and out of work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st, and file an application blank. The bureau, with the support of industries and private citizens, will endeavor to get you a situation.*

Cleveland's "give a job" movement, with the meeting of twenty-five members of the mayor's unemployment commission in Chamber of Commerce building yesterday afternoon, reached the point of definite action.

The actual problems of giving work to the jobless and of helping the destitute were discussed in detail. Ways of carrying out the work were placed in the hands of committees who will report at another meeting this noon. These ideas stood out:

The "give-a-job" campaign is intended fundamentally to give work to Cleveland men. Strangers—men who flock to the city from other cities—cannot be aided. Further influx of strangers is to be positively discouraged.

The campaign is to be mapped out so that all groups of industry and civic activity shall share in giving work. The whole task, discouraging at first thought, becomes simpler when each employing interest is given a definite part in the program.

The household "give-a-job" movement must take first place at the start. The average citizen must be made to help. "Have your work done now," and "make a job about your home" must be made slogans.

Probably a fund of \$50,000 or

\$100,000 should be raised to help carry out the "give-a-job" movement. Some persons, unable to furnish or create jobs, can help by contributing money. A committee will decide on the advisability of such a fund.

Cleveland banks will be asked to join in creating an emergency loan fund, following a plan adopted in New York. Under certain restrictions working men, with character but without resources, could obtain loans. A committee of bankers attending the meeting was appointed to report on this plan.

Thousands could be put to work cleaning city streets, payment to be made from fund raised, if necessary.

The most needy should be given aid first. A neutral attitude should be observed toward union labor and payment for work should be made at current rates so as not to compete with steady labor conditions.

At the meeting a permanent organization was perfected by the election of F. H. Goff, head of the Cleveland foundation, president; T. C. Garvin, secretary of the Cleveland Advertising club, secretary; H. H. Johnson, attorney and president of the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, vice president; and John J. Sullivan, bank president, treasurer.

At the beginning of the meeting Mayor Newton D. Baker announced he has called upon the heads of all city departments to obtain immediately estimates of the amount of work they can create at once.

Chairman Goff also announced the county commissioners and members of the board of education will be asked to report how much work they can give immediately. Mr. Goff added co-operation will be asked from the Builders exchange, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry, the Federated churches, the Cosmopolitan alliance, Cleveland Federation of Labor, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Real Estate Board, and Woman's Suffrage party, the Consumers' league and other bodies.

While the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building was being held men and women were being given jobs at the State-City Free Employ-

## COMMISSION ACTS TO SOLVE JOBLESS PROBLEM OF CITY

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ment bureau, city hall, and the employment bureau conducted by the Federation of Women's Clubs at the Y. W. C. A.

Police were conveying thirty-three

more men to the Warrensville city farms, where they were to dig drainage ditches and work in the stone quarries. Fifty-eight single men were sent to the farm Wednesday. But of these thirty-one left the institution yesterday, taking with them the underclothing the city had furnished them free. The rest of the workers at the farm, officials said, were those who actually needed and appreciated the employment given them.

The registration of workers at the State-City Free Employment bureau continued yesterday. Twelve hundred more men and women registered yesterday. Wednesday, the first day, 1,159 were registered.

Today a group of women's organizations, including the Consumers' league, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Woman's Association of Commerce and others, will open a work room on the first floor of the city hall. Sewing machines are to be installed, a supervisor will be hired and plain and fancy sewing will be given out for women to take to their homes. The rate of pay for sewing at the room will be \$1.25 a day.

Wilbur Wright of the State-City Free Employment Bureau, spoke before the unemployment committee. He said approximately one-half of the unemployed men now registering report themselves skilled in some line of labor. Many of them placed their wage at \$1.75 a day, while one-third of the total said they would work for whatever they could get.

Mr. Wright said forty-three jobs had been furnished yesterday and sixty-five the day before. Mr. Wright also reported that lake sailors, many of whom usually work in Cleveland in winter, had been leaving the city in large numbers to go to the Atlantic sea coast. Two-thirds of all those applying at the bureau are foreigners, Mr. Wright reported.

At the beginning of the meeting Chairman Goff said the acid test is about to be put to Cleveland as a community. He quoted Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the unemployment commission in New York, that giving work is not "a proposition of mercy, of justice or philanthropy so much as it is a plain business proposition."

"We can assume that the number of men out of work here is 60,000," said Mr. Goff. "We can safely assume that 2,000, 3,000 or maybe 5,000 are destitute. What is the city going to do about it?"

"These men say they want work, not charity. We must spend every energy we have to give them that work. By inducing manufacturers to find more work, by the formation of neighborhood clubs and in other ways the work must be found. And the problem, attacked in the 'Cleveland way' will not prove too big or too hard."

Mr. Goff said one of the principles to be borne in mind is that current rates of work for regular work must not be disturbed and that the "give a job" movement must be a neutral one so far as organized labor is concerned. Another principle, Mr. Goff said, is that the most needy are to be helped, many of the unemployed possessing resources. Mr. Goff appointed these committees:

Permanent organization—H. H. Johnson, Walter D. Sayle and George W. Kinney. Plan of procedure—Allen T. Burns, Thomas S. Farrell, Simon P. Halle, Victor W. Sincere, Paul Feiss, W. H. Cottingham, Rev. Minot O. Simons, Walter D. Sayle, Miss Belle Sherwin.

Advisability of raising fund—Charles Eisenman, J. J. Sullivan, Charles E. Adams and Samuel Mather. Advisability of creating a bank loan fund—John Sherwin, president First National bank; J. J. Sullivan, president of Central National bank and Superior Savings and Trust Co.; E. V. Hale, vice president Citizens Savings and Trust Co. and E. B. Greene, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co.

Others attending were Miss Myrta L. Jones, Morris A. Black, John J. Stanley, Miss Genevieve Cline, Rev. C. Hubert Leblond, Arch C. Klumph, F. D. Lawrence, T. C. Wellsted, Mrs. L. Lascelles, W. Van Nostitz and E. C. Hopwood.

Morris A. Black, president of the Chamber of Commerce, favored establishing a fund to be used in giving work. Mr. Black said the problem of creating work looks large, but that after the committee ascertains how many men must be given jobs it will be comparatively easy to assign each industry and each other group created the task of caring for a stated number of men.

Charles Eisenman, president of the Federation of Jewish Charities, said the city could easily use from 5,000 to 10,000 men in street cleaning work and that if the city could not afford to pay enough men now, money might be taken from the fund to be established by the commission.

Mr. Goff explained the workings of the proposed bankers' loan fund, which is modeled on the one in New York. He argued there would be few losses sustained. Paul Feiss, director of the Workingmen's Collateral Loan Co., corroborated Mr. Goff's argument by referring to the experience of his own company, headed by F. F. Prentiss. He declared practically all loans are repaid.

Miss Genevieve Cline, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, announced the federation had decided to continue its work bureau at the Y. W. C. A. building, Prospect-av S.

E. and E. 18th-st, at the same time co-operating with other women's organizations in maintaining a work bureau for women at city hall.

Encouragement was given to the "give-a-job" movement yesterday when it was announced many factories were increasing forces. The calling off of a strike on the new building of the East Ohio Gas Co. 6th-st and Rockwell-av N. E. is expected to give work to several hundred men.

Parish & Bingham Co., 5363 Ton-av N. E., announced it paid to its force about fifty men at the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co., E. 63d-st, said its business is better than at this time last year. Autos mobile contracts are responsible.

The Standard Welding Co., W. 76th-st and Lake Shore tracks, also was reported as running full. A boom in the steel trades here anticipated as a result of Baltimore Ohio railroad contracts amounting about \$2,000,000. Cleveland furnaces yesterday also report encouraging outlooks.



## Friday EMPLOY 750 IDLE ON TWO PROJECTS

Union Agents and Contractors Settle Strike on East Ohio Gas Co. Building.

City Starts Work on Cleveland Heights Million-Dollar Reservoir.

### LABOR MEETINGS TODAY

MOLDERS, 430, 7:30 p. m. At Cleveland Federation of Labor headquarters, 310 Prospect-av S. E.  
PATTERNMAKERS' association, 7:30 p. m., at Bricklayers' headquarters, 737 Prospect-av S. E.  
CLEVELAND WAITERS' union, 106, 8 p. m., at Waiters and Cooks' club, 1120 Prospect-av S. E.

Seven hundred and fifty men will be given immediate employment through two negotiations completed yesterday.

After a conference between James L. Stuart, who has the contract for building the new East Ohio Gas Co. building, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 6th-st, and Business Agent Charles Smith of the Building Trades council and several business agents, grievances between the contractor and the council were settled to the satisfaction of labor men and the strike, which has been on for a month, was ended.

This means 250 laborers, structural iron workers, steamfitters, plumbers and hoisting engineers will be back at work Monday. Many will go to work this morning.

To give work to 500 unemployed men an immediate start is to be made by the water works department on the new \$1,000,000 Cleveland Heights reservoir, adjoining the old Fairmount reservoir, Fairmount-rd S. E.

Water Commissioner C. F. Schulz announced yesterday arrangements have been made to start the work Monday. The job will necessitate removal of 17,000 yards of top soil. After the top soil has been removed the rest of the excavation will be pushed by blasting.

Terms of agreement on the East Ohio building job include wages of 31 1-4 cents an hour for laborers and recognition of the Building Trades council. When the strike was called a month ago Mr. Stuart was paying 25 cents an hour to laborers.

When he refused to pay the union scale and to recognize the council the allied trades went on strike at the call of Business Agent Smith.

Trustees of the Cleveland Labor Lyceum Temple Co. tomorrow night will sign a lease for the old Cleveland Pulte Medical college building, 710 Huron-rd S. E., and work will be begun at once to remodel it for occupancy by May 1.

This announcement was made last night by Charles Smith and John Carley, the committee appointed from the company's board of trustees to close the deal.

A 99-year lease has been drawn up. Jay E. Latimer, real estate operator, is acting for the college trustees in the deal. Neither company officials nor Mr. Latimer last night would mention the terms for the lease.

Plans for remodeling, drawn up by Architect William S. Lougee, were shown at headquarters of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, 310 Prospect-av S. E. It is planned to expend \$20,000.

The building has a basement and five floors. The basement will be used for lounging and reading rooms. Offices of the federation and of the business agents will occupy the first floor.

On the other four floors there are to be offices and halls for the meetings of the unions. There will be eight of these halls. In the rear an addition will be built to be used as a convention hall.

## SEE PARTY FAVOR WITT FOR MAYOR

Democrats Think Events Are Shaping Toward Organization Approval.

Republicans Add to Indorsements of Miner G. Norton.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

So far as the attitude of the Democratic county organization is concerned, events seem to be shaping themselves in Peter Witt's favor.

The conviction is spreading among Democrats that the party organization will indorse and support Mr. Witt for mayor.

They say that surely is the outlook if indications forecast truly. The situation does not appear to be subject to change either, provided Mr. Witt continues in the race, and it is assumed that he will.

Mr. Witt's candidacy was a month old yesterday. He is the only entry of Democratic extraction. An impression gaining ground among men of his party is that he likely will be the only candidate to whom consideration would have to be given by the Democratic organization.

While petitions for John M. Sulzmann are being circulated by his friends, Mr. Sulzmann, formerly a councilman, has said he was not yet a candidate. Numerous Democrats express the opinion that he will not step into the field.

There has grown up a more general belief, or at least such a belief is voiced, that neither County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher or County Clerk E. B. Haserodt intends to become a candidate, although both still are to be considered as possibilities.

Beyond these phases of the situation, those who predict Mr. Witt will be the organization candidate apparently feel convinced that Mayor Newton D. Baker will come out openly for the man who has been street railway commissioner under his administration.

Mr. Baker's word would carry with the organization, for organization workers consider him still their leader.

When the mayor will speak, or when the Democratic county executive committee will act, has not been intimated. But when the time arrives it is considered highly probable the action will mean indorsement of Peter Witt.

The Twenty-fourth Ward Baker Progressive Democratic club indorsed Mr. Witt at a meeting last night. Officers of the club were elected and this resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Twenty-fourth Ward Baker Progressive Democratic club hereby indorses for the office of mayor at the coming election that man who has stood before the public for so long, whose honesty, efficiency and integrity cannot be questioned, and who, in our estimation, is the logical selection, having the experience and the forethought and the training, fitting him for such a position—Peter Witt, now street railroad commissioner.

Attorney Miner G. Norton, who is to give an answer tomorrow night to Republicans who want him to run for mayor, received another indorsement yesterday.

It was announced that a number of business men of Lorain-av had passed resolutions approving Mr. Norton as a candidate and urging him to enter.

The resolution spoke of Mr. Norton's record as city solicitor, and asserted him to be "thoroughly competent to transact the business" of the city.

The Twentieth Ward Republican club is to elect officers tonight. The meeting will be held on E. 88th-pl, near Hough-av N. E.

The First Ward Harry L. Davis club was organized last evening and will hold meetings every Thursday night at 8900 Lorain-av. These officers were elected:

Alvin Moritz, president; Ernest Scheller, vice president; Frank Howard, secretary; John Yaeger, recording secretary; Louis Metzger, treasurer.

## SEEK TO RESTORE MISS CHADSEY PAY

Members of Council Finance Body to Vote Favorably at Meeting Today.

FitzGerald Says Salary Cuts Savor of Personal Feeling.

Members of the city council committees on appropriations and finance will vote to restore the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation to \$1,800 a year at a special meeting this morning in the city clerk's office. Mayor Newton D. Baker urged the restoration of the salary at the meeting in his office yesterday afternoon, declaring Miss Chadsey's work has won the praise of many citizens and announced that Samuel Mather and F. H. Goff had agreed to contribute the \$600 needed to restore her salary if the council failed to reconsider its former vote. Miss Chadsey has announced she would not remain if her pay is cut.

Majority members of the committee expressed the belief at the meeting the smoke prevention bureau be allowed to continue as a separate bureau, but that the chief should not be given more than \$2,400 a year. It was agreed the \$3,000 appropriation for the conversion of the old Cleveland General hospital building into a municipal lodging house should be stricken from the ordinance.

Those present at yesterday's meeting were William Rolf, William Stolte, J. J. McGinty, A. J. Damm and David Moylan. Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, the only Republican member, was not invited, but will attend the public meeting in the city clerk's office today.

"I do not believe in holding secret meetings on the appropriation ordinance," said Councilman FitzGerald yesterday. "It violates the spirit of the city charter. I am opposed to the cutting of the pay of these officials. I believe there should be a general cut in every department, following the method suggested by the Chamber of Commerce, to prevent the city debt from increasing from \$765,000 to \$1,000,000.

"I will move today there be a 3 per cent. cut in every item. If this motion fails I will vote for the restoration of the salaries of Miss Chadsey and Mr. Black. Cutting of the salaries of certain officials looks too much as if personal feeling were being displayed."

The special committee of which J. J. McGinty is chairman, was appointed by the council some weeks ago to suggest a method of using the \$11,200 in the Warner fund. If the mayor's plan is followed the fund will be \$13,000 or \$14,000 by the time the first art exhibition and contest are held, as the library board has not yet started plans for the new building. The city hall will be completed in November. Ground for the library building cannot be broken before that time.

## CLASH OVER JOB ISSUE

Officials and Employment Agents Wrangle.

City officials and representatives of private employment agencies clashed repeatedly at a public meeting in the city clerk's office yesterday, called for discussion of the pending ordinance regulating private employment bureaus and to determine on an annual license fee to pay for the special city inspection.

Councilman E. A. Meyers opposed changes in the ordinance proposed by representatives of the agencies.

Attorney Virgil J. Terrell asserted the proposed license fee of \$200 a year for one of the classes named in the ordinance was unreasonable and after further debate it was agreed the range of fees should be from \$75 to \$100.

The private employment agencies opposed the plan of permitting the regulation provided in the ordinance to be under the direction of the superintendent of the city-state free employment bureau. Members of the council said they would favor an amendment placing this regulation in the hands of the director of public safety. The city-state free employment bureau operates with the public welfare department.

The council committee on licenses will complete the revision of the ordinance in time to return it to council at the coming meeting.

## BAKER URGES LIBRARY AS CENTER FOR ART

Mayor Would Locate Warner Municipal Gallery in Proposed New Building.

Funds for the erection of an art gallery, bequeathed to the city nearly thirty years ago by the late Mary A. Warner of Painesville, will be used in the establishment of a municipal art gallery in the proposed \$2,000,000 library building to be erected on the site of the present city hall building, if a plan announced yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker is indorsed by the city council and library board.

"I am in favor of devoting the interest from the fund each year to awarding a prize for the best picture by a Cleveland artist, but I do not believe the pictures should be placed in the new city hall as suggested recently by the special committee of the council," said the mayor. "The city hall is a business building, a workshop. It is not suited to the display of works of art."

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# \$150,000 JOB FUND, RELIEF BOARD'S PLAN

**Committee Decides to  
Create Work and  
Help With Loans.**

## CLEAN STREETS URGED

**Neighborhood Clubs Asked  
to Co-Operate; Finan-  
cial Aid Sought.**

Employment for every Cleveland and Cleveland for every place, is to be the motto of the unemployment relief committee named by Mayor Baker, which held its first session yesterday afternoon.

Only residents of Cleveland are to be benefited by activities of the committee, which embrace the creation of a \$100,000 loan fund and a fund of not less than \$50,000 to give employment to persons rendered destitute through lack of work.

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### Resume of Other Plans.

Other relief plans discussed at the meeting included:

Organization of neighborhood clubs to care for unemployment conditions in their immediate neighborhoods.

Dividing of responsibility for solution of problems among various elements, giving option of financial support or supplying of work.

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Appeals to city, county and educational officials as to the manner and extent they are prepared to support a relief plan.

Appeals to business, civic, social and church organizations for financial aid and moral support.

Completion of preferred list of destitute unemployed.

Fixing of definite term of residence under which the committee will not aid unemployed persons.

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The committee also voted to ask Mayor Baker to advise it how and to what extent the city is prepared to aid in the relief plan, and to make a similar request of the county com-

missioners, the board of education and all civic, business, social and economic organizations, particularly the following:

The Consumers' League, Builders' Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Industry, the Federated Churches, the Cosmopolitan Alliance, the Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Woman's Suffrage party and the Real Estate Board.

In outlining plans, F. H. Goff, chairman of the committee, urged the organization of neighborhood clubs to relieve the distress in their immediate communities by supplying work. He declared the committee expected probably the most effective assistance in this way.

### Goff Outlines Suggestions.

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Extend first aid to those in most urgent need, a list of whom is now being compiled by Superintendent Hennessy, of the State-City Free Employment Exchange.

Preserve an absolutely neutral attitude toward union labor.

"All you can do, gentlemen and ladies," he said, "is push the button. The community must do the work. Cleveland expects every man and woman to do their full duty."

### Permanent Officers Named.

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Morris A. Black, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared that all should share in the responsibility, especially employers of labor and the retail merchants.

Miss Genevieve Cline, president of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, announced that directors of the federation had decided to continue the emergency workroom for women, started Monday in the Y. W. C. A., to give work to women in urgent need.

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### 16,000 Jobless Registered.

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Unless the men can be induced to remain the plan will be abandoned, city officials say.

stitute unemployed men and women registered at the city hall Wednesday and about the same number yesterday.

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## RULES CITY HALL NO PLACE FOR ART WORKS

Mayor Baker yesterday opposed the plan of using the Mary A. Warner art gallery fund to buy pictures for the new city hall. The money was bequeathed to the city twenty years ago. A council committee recommended the expenditure.

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A fund of \$2,500 from unclaimed court costs in the county clerk's office is to be used as the basis for furnishing money to hundreds of unemployed by Cleveland lawyers, it became known last night.

County Clerk E. B. Haserodt last night said these unclaimed costs have been accumulating to the credit of almost 1,000 attorneys. The individual amounts of the claims is small, Mr. Haserodt says, and most attorneys are too busy to take the time to come to the clerk's office to get their money.

By getting a written order from any attorney to whom money is due an unemployed man can obtain the amount of the claim at the clerk's office, possibly by agreeing to divide with the attorney. Mr. Haserodt says certain men engage in the practice of collecting claims as a business, and that it is simply a matter of "time and footwork."

At the Chamber of Commerce commission meeting yesterday noon Allen T. Burns, head of the survey commission of the Cleveland Foundation, presented the recommendations of the special committee on procedure composed of Mr. Burns, Thomas S. Farrell, Charles S. Eisman, Paul Feiss and Miss Belle Sherwin. The committee recommended that the special plan of laying the employment question before church members tomorrow be undertaken at once, because of the facilities for immediate action.

Pastors of all faiths are to speak on the give-a-job movement from their pulpits tomorrow or the day set for worship in certain faiths. Following the sermons, meetings of congregations or church organizations are to be held at which pastors will obtain the names of their parishioners who will volunteer to canvass for jobs.

The names of these volunteer workers are to be forwarded immediately to the central committee in charge of the house-to-house canvass. It is planned to assign a canvasser to each city block. He will be asked to list all the jobs he can find in the block assigned him. Unemployed men listed at the state-city free employment bureau, city hall, will be given credentials and sent to do the work found by the volunteer canvassers.

Allen T. Burns was assigned to obtain the co-operation of Catholic churches represented on the commission by Msgr. T. C. O'Reilly and Rev. C. Hubert Leblond, the churches of the Jewish faith, the Greek Catholic churches and other churches not affiliated with the Cleveland Federated Churches.

Rev. E. H. Tippet, commissioner,

co-operating with Rev. Dan F. Bradley and Rev. E. R. Wright, obtained immediate action by sending circular letters last night to all the ministers of the Federated Churches asking them to present the question in their pulpits tomorrow.

The get-a-job movement also will occupy the exclusive attention of the Pastors' union at its monthly meeting in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Euclid-av and E. 18th-st., Monday.

Chairman F. H. Goff, following Mr. Burns' presentation of the report on the committee on procedure, appointed the following committee to have charge of the house to house canvass: A. T. Burns, Rev. M. O. Simons, Rev. C. Hubert Leblond, Paul Feiss, Miss Belle Sherwin, Miss Genevieve Cline and Mrs. Charles S. Brooks. The church canvass, it was explained, is to be the first step to the more organized canvass to be aided by other organizations.

Chairman Goff also appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities for making jobs by increasing public works, such as street cleaning, water works extensions, etc. Victor W. Sincere, F. D. Lawrence and A. C. Klumph were named.

To have charge of the women's work the following were appointed: Miss Myrta L. Jones, Mrs. F. H. Goff,

Mrs. Morris A. Black, Mrs. Nathan Rosewater and Mrs. Victor Maynard. The publicity committee is composed of Eugene McLean, Erie C. Hopwood, T. A. Robertson and W. Von Nostitz.

Mr. Goff emphasized need for haste in dealing with the situation because the coming of real winter will aggravate conditions.

Thomas S. Farrell, replying to a question by Mr. Goff, said the Cleveland Federation of Labor, which he represents as secretary, is heartily in favor of the work of the commission. Mr. Farrell said doubt had existed among federation members at first because of a misunderstanding of the purpose of the movement. Mr. Farrell said, however, that certain contractors taking advantage of the situation had tried to lower the wage rate.

W. F. Hennessy, head of the state-city free employment bureau, gave statistics concerning the registration of unemployed. He explained that of 2,635 men registering during the first two days 1,935 had families or dependents. He said the majority expressed willingness to work at about \$2 a day. Mr. Hennessy said several complaints had been received that fraudulent solicitors had been attempting to collect money in the name of the bureau.

Mr. Hennessy reported the public is responding to the call for help. He

said 560 jobs had been given men since Dec. 30, the number daily showing a big increase since the "give a job" movement began.

At the suggestion of Mr. Goff Mayor Baker will be asked to name the following new members on the commission: Rabbi Louis Wolsey, W. S. Prescott, to represent the negroes of Cleveland, Alexander Martin and Mrs. Ida B. Cash. The motion to add these members was made by Thomas S. Farrell.

The following suggestions were presented as means for making jobs:

For employers—Repairing, cleaning, white-washing, inside painting, new machinery, grading with cinders, rotation of force of workers, shorter hours and more employees, fewer workdays and stocking up ahead of orders.

Neighborhoods—Householders club together for cleaning sidewalks, streets, care of furnaces, yards, porches, cleaning windows, etc.

For housewives—Six women to club together to hire a woman one day a week each to do sewing or washing.

Work for hundreds of men has been provided by the city in the construction of a thirty-inch water main leading from the new reservoir on the Warrensville city farm. Laborers on this work will be employed six hours daily at the current rate of pay. Married men probably will be given preference, although men who have shown by their labor in ditching and quarrying at the farm that they are deserving also will be taken on.

The state-city employment bureau yesterday was notified that 500 men will be called for within a few days by a contractor on a water works project. The men will be paid current wages and worked in shifts of 250 each.

## WANT MORE FIRE MAINS

Chief and Councilman Urge Better Water Service.

Councilman John Durkin, chairman of the council committee on fire, will offer a resolution in city council Monday night calling for a report from Water Commissioner C. F. Schulz, showing the cost of extending high pressure mains through the lake front factory district east of E. 9th-st. Mr. Durkin favors extending the mains, if funds are at hand.

Fire Chief G. A. Wallace believes the fire at Lakeside and Marquette-avs N. E. Thursday night demonstrated the need for this service in the congested factory district on the lake front.

Fifteen fire companies were called to fight this fire and the other sections of the East End were left unprotected.

"If we had had the high pressure mains in this district it would not have been necessary to use so many companies at the one fire," said Chief Wallace.

Officials of the Willard Storage Battery Co., Lakeside and Marquette-avs N. E., stated yesterday their fire loss Thursday night would not exceed \$25,000. W. D. Pettibone, general manager of the company, at first had estimated the loss at \$75,000. Buildings of the plant in which automobile batteries are made were not

# CITY TO REQUIRE \$1,040,000 LOAN

Must Borrow Big Sum to Operate Departments, Finance Committee Finds.

Salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey Restored to Old Figure, \$1,800.

Cleveland must borrow \$1,040,000 instead of \$950,000 to operate city departments in 1915, if the appropriation ordinance is passed by the council Monday night in the form approved by council committees on appropriations and finance at a final meeting yesterday in the city clerk's office.

Before approving the pending ordinance the committees voted yesterday to restore the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation at \$1,800 a year. In addition a \$500 increase was allowed Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk of the municipal courts, or for other deputy clerks of the municipal courts. The committees also granted a \$200 increase to Secretary W. H. Winans of the department of public welfare, and \$550 was allowed for salary increases in the purchasing department.

A \$5,080 increase was granted to permit the re-establishment of a separate bureau of smoke prevention as urged by Mayor Newton D. Baker. The committees declined to restore the \$3,000 salary of Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black, and the allowance of \$3,000 for the establishment of a temporary lodging house was stricken out. Net increases granted at yesterday's meeting amounted to \$4,030.

It will cost \$9,110,312.51 to operate all city departments this year if the ordinance is approved by the council. It was estimated yesterday by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin the city's receipts from taxation would be \$4,567,960 in 1915.

The committees have voted to allow \$2,011,077 for the service department, \$1,065,942 for the welfare department and \$2,048,760 for the safety department. The sum of \$302,784 will be allowed for miscellaneous expenses. Estimated receipts of the self-supporting divisions of the department of public utilities are \$2,769,935. This sum was appropriated. Anticipated earnings from other sources such as park refreshment stands, markets, etc., are \$732,417.51.

The mayor's budget as submitted to council some weeks ago asked \$5,773,340 be appropriated for the general fund. The council committees voted yesterday to allow \$5,607,960. This includes the \$1,040,000 that must be borrowed by the issue of short time revenue notes.

Councilman Stolte tried to have the \$3,000 municipal lodging house fund appropriated for the vocational guidance bureau but his motion did not carry.



# THOUSANDS WILL SEEK FUNDS FOR AID OF JOBLESS

Relief Board to Canvass  
Houses for Money and  
Chances for Work.

## CHURCHES ASKED TO HELP

Committee to Enlist Support of  
All Public and Private  
Institutions.

Thousands of volunteer workers from churches and clubs are to be enlisted in a house-to-house canvass for the "hire-a-man-or-give-money" campaign, which is to be a part of the unemployment commission's relief plan.

This was determined yesterday when the commission met at luncheon in the library of the Chamber of Commerce. A plan of procedure outlined by a special committee was unanimously adopted. It embraces these features:

Payment of only current wages, so that emergency work will not compete with the normal labor situation and further unsettle conditions.

Appointment of a committee on public work to enlist prompt and active support from city, county and school officials.

Appointment of a committee on workrooms for women to maintain places for employment of women in urgent need.

Designation of committee on publicity to secure aid of country newspapers in placing as many unemployed men as possible on farms.

Selection of a committee to solicit funds to put men to work.

Recommendation that a big loan fund, backed by banks, be administered to relieve distress of responsible unemployed.

Soliciting of all employers to stimulate work.

Organization of a monster committee for house-to-house solicitation.

Outlining of definite ways in which householders and employers of labor may aid in relief plan.

Empowering of a subcommittee on procedure to designate persons outside of the commission on subcommittees.

Devising of a means of having unemployed men manufacture some useful or ornamental article for general sale with the indorsement of the commission was suggested by Superintendent Hennessey of the State-City Free Employment Exchange. The plan was approved by the commission as a means of conserving the \$50,000 work fund to be raised. Definite action was not taken on this recommendation.

### Employers Asked to Speak.

The recommendations adopted were formulated by a special committee headed by Allen T. Burns, director of the Cleveland Foundation, at a meeting at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The general meeting followed at 12:30.

W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel Plate Railroad, and D. C. Moon, general manager of New York Central lines west of Buffalo, will attend the session of the commission at noon today. They have been asked to give their views on the unemployment situation. One or two large employers of labor will be invited to address the commission at

## Saturday TWO G. O. P. CLUBS HERE TAKE STEPS TO UNITE FORCES

Western Reserve Makes Proposition to Consolidate With Tippecanoe to Directors at Executive Session.

PLAN WILL BE PASSED  
ON BY NEW OFFICIALS

John Hay Club Dinner and Norton's Formal Announcement to Be Tonight.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Overtures looking to a consolidation of the Western Reserve Club and the Tippecanoe Club, two of the most influential Republican organizations in Ohio, have been made by the Western Reserve Club and were presented to the Tippecanoe Club directors at an executive session yesterday.

No action either accepting or rejecting the proposal was taken by the Tippecanoe directors, their desire being, as was explained, to have the 1915 board of directors, who will be elected January 19, decide a question of so much importance.

A committee consisting of Dr. E. L. Siegelstein, Harry L. Vall and Maxwell V. Emerman, who has just been elected secretary of the Western Reserve Club, has been appointed by the directors of the Western Reserve Club to take up the terms of consolidation with a similar committee which they hope the Tippecanoe Club will appoint.

For some months influential members of both organizations have tentatively discussed a plan for union which would involve the clubs taking the joint name of Western Reserve Tippecanoe Club.

Under the plan, the new club would use the Crawford Memorial Clubhouse of the Western Reserve Club on E. 55th street, built a year ago by the club, aided by friends of the late William J. Crawford.

The Tippecanoe Club has claimed its foundation in the campaign of Harrison and Tyler in 1840. Its greatest activity began in 1894, when it took an active part in the McKinley campaign. The Western Reserve Club has been active in many state and national campaigns.

Directors of the Tippecanoe Club yesterday made William S. Fitzgerald chairman of its reception committee, and Paul Howland chairman of the banquet committee for the McKinley banquet, which will be held February 6.

Tonight will see two red letter events in the mayoralty situation. The John Hay Club will hold a dinner at Weber's Casino at 6 o'clock, at which the mayoralty situation will be discussed by a dozen speakers.

Secretary Monroe Curtis, of the club, announced as additional speakers John J. Sullivan, Rev. Dan F. Bradley and Councilmen A. R. Dittrick and Clayton C. Townes. It is expected that Curtis will be elected president in place of President Pierre A. White, who retires, and that John Elden will be made secretary.

The other event of the evening will be Miner G. Norton's announcement that he is a candidate for

Leader

mayor, to be made at a meeting of the members of clubs which have indorsed him at the Forest City House.

Many Cleveland Republicans have signified their intention of attending the inauguration of Governor-elect Willis at Columbus Monday. There will, however, be no organized Cleveland delegation.

A delegation of Twentieth ward citizens called on Gordon Ruthenberg and asked him to run for council. It is thought he will.

Councilman John W. Reynolds was re-elected president of the Tenth Ward Baker Club at a meeting last night in Koenig's Hall, 3704 Superior avenue. Other officers elected were: H. J. Minnick, vice president; W. B. Lutton, secretary-treasurer; H. J. Reinharz, Garret E. Dwyer and Charles F. Pender, members of the finance committee, and Peter Oster, John Murphy and Thomas Reynolds, members of the organization committee.

Members of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club had to amend their constitution to elect Owen Evans president for the third time, but they did so and re-elected him last night at a meeting in their wigwag, E. 88th place, near Hough avenue. P. J. McManus was elected vice president and A. L. Lind secretary. E. Lillig was elected treasurer.

## \$1,040,000 DEFICIT CREATED BY CITY'S BUDGET FOR 1915

Council Committee Concludes by  
Recommending \$5,607,960  
Expenditure, Forcing Cleveland to Borrow Million.

ONLY \$165,000 CUT  
FROM BAKER'S FIGURES

Measure Up for Passage Monday; Miss Chadsey's Salary Restored.

Total expenditures of \$5,607,960 will be authorized in the 1915 appropriation ordinance, which will be up for passage at Monday night's meeting of the city council. A deficit of \$1,040,000 will be faced by the city under the provisions of the ordinance.

When the council committees on appropriations and finance finished sessions yesterday it was found that but \$165,000 had been cut from the original budget estimate of Mayor Baker. Estimated receipts for the year are but \$4,567,960 and members voting for the ordinance will commit the city to the policy of borrowing funds for operating expenses.

### Salaries Increased.

Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk of municipal court, was given a \$500 raise in salary and W. H. Winans, secretary of the department of public welfare, was granted a \$200 salary increase by the committee at its closing session. The committee also restored the original \$1,800 appropriation for the salary of Miss Mildred

Chadsey, chief of sanitary police, after having voted previously to reduce her pay to \$1,200 per year. Pressure brought by Mayor Baker was responsible for the committee's switch. Councilman Damm refused to change his vote and Councilman Moylan remained away from the meeting.

A straight reduction in all expenditures, exclusive of salaries of city employees drawing less than \$1,200 per year, was proposed by Councilman Fitzgerald, minority member of the committee. The proposal was voted down. Councilman Damm voted with Fitzgerald to transfer the \$11,000 municipal orchestra appropriation to the division of employment. Other members opposed the transfer.

### Black's Salary Cut.

The committee refused to reconsider its action in cutting the salary of T. M. Black, commissioner of recreation.

"Black told me that he was willing to work for \$2,400 per year until he has shown that he can make good," said Stolte. "At the present time it looks to me like the city in hiring Black is in the position of a man without an automobile who hires a chauffeur."

Fitzgerald voted against the approval of the ordinance and will probably refuse to sign it.

A total of \$2,769,935 is appropriated for self-sustaining utilities in the ordinance. City divisions which are self-supporting are given another \$732,417.51.

### Department Appropriations.

The appropriation of general funds is divided among departments as follows; general administration, \$302,784; public service, \$2,011,077; public welfare, \$1,065,942; public safety, \$2,048,760; finance, \$118,016; miscellaneous, \$61,381.

Councilman Townes will make a fight on the floor of the council for a \$15,000 appropriation for a continuous independent audit of city finances required by the charter. Councilman Dittrick will seek to have the municipal orchestra fund transferred to the outdoor relief bureau. Other amendments will likely be submitted.

## TAX PROBERS TO HOLD MEETINGS IN COUNCIL

Suggestions From Public Asked  
For—Changes in Laws to  
Be Recommended.

Public meetings in the city council chamber will be held by the commission named by Mayor Baker to make a study of Ohio taxation laws, Bascom Little, chairman, said yesterday. The first meeting will be arranged early next week.

The committee was named by Baker at the request of council. It will prepare recommendations for changes in tax laws for submission to the General Assembly. Suggestions from the public will be received at the early meetings, Little says.

Other members of the commission are: Alexander Hadden, probate judge; Thomas Farrell, secretary of the Federation of Labor; Max Hayes, labor editor; Warren S. Hayden, former president Chamber of Commerce; John A. Zangerle, county auditor; C. C. Bolton, Jr.; C. C. Arbutnot, Western Reserve University; Samuel Halle, Halle Brothers; John Fackler, tax commissioner; M. P. Mooney, former member charter commission; William A. Greenlund, Lieutenant Governor; W. L. Day, former federal judge; A. S. Taylor, realty dealer, and John A. Alburn, attorney.



## RUSSIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH TREE

Mayor Baker at Ceremony Says  
He Hopes Russia Will Win  
Constantinople.

The Christmas celebration of St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Church, at Starkweather avenue, which began late Wednesday night with a midnight mass, closed yesterday afternoon with a children's festival.

About 250 children of the parish assembled in the Sunday school room and sang Russian Christmas carols around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, a gift of the community Christmas committee, which also sent toys.

Rev. Arcady Piotrowsky, pastor of St. Theodosius, after a song by the children, under the direction of John Peter Tertichonoy, conductor of the church choir, introduced Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker congratulated the Russian children on the progress they had made in American education, and said any one of the children present, born of Russian parentage, might become President of the United States.

"I believe," said the mayor, "that Russia is a country for which a place is destined in history. I believe the Russian nation of sober-minded men will get Constantinople, because it is the only natural outlet for Russia."

The mayor was presented with a book containing the common prayers of the Russian church in the English language, and the pastor invited him to appoint a day on which he could attend in St. Theodosius Church services held entirely in English.

The rest of the program consisted of a Russian speech by John Stefan, president of the parish, and of Russian songs delivered by the children in Russian costumes. Then came the distribution of gifts to poor children by Pastor Piotrowsky and others.

Rev. Piotrowsky said that, owing to the publicity given to the Christmas celebration of his church, services were attended both Thursday and Friday by a surprisingly large number of Americans.

# \$10,000 GIVEN BY MATHER TO IDLE OF CITY

Big Fund is Started at Meeting of Cleveland's Employment Committee.

F. H. GOFF GIVES \$1000

Wilson Plan for National Job Bureau in Connection With Postoffices Discussed.

At the noon meeting of the Cleveland employment committee Saturday in the chamber of commerce, Samuel Mather gave \$10,000 for relief of unemployed workers, and Fred H. Goff \$1000. These two donations started the ball rolling, and raising of a big fund was predicted.

C. E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Co., through Employment Commissioner Hennessy, announced his company will provide work for all employees laid off during the present period of unemployment.

The commission discussed Wilson's statement at Indianapolis Friday that he favored federal action on unemployment.

Allen T. Burns, chairman of the plan committee of the commission, said he will bring Wilson's plan before the commission with a view of bringing out its possibilities in the Cleveland relief campaign.

Postmaster Murphy Saturday awaited expected word from Washington to use his information department here in co-operation with the local campaign to find jobs. The postal system is the means suggested by Wilson for bringing jobs and workers together as an adjunct of a big national employment bureau.

### Scouts to Aid.

Delo Mook, chief of Cleveland's boy scouts, announced Saturday that Cleveland scouts will serve the state-city free labor exchange in carrying job notifications to men and women who cannot otherwise be easily reached.

The first service the scouts will render will be the notifying of 300 men that they can report for work Monday, at 25 cents an hour, on the excavation for the new Fairmount reservoir. The city is to pay for the work.

Welfare Director Cooley said Saturday 150 men will be put to work Monday digging a trench on Warrensville farm, for which they'll be paid 25 cents an hour. The job will last a month. Other work is in sight at Warrensville in extending service pipes five miles to the War-

rensville reservoir.

County commissioners Saturday voted to transfer \$40,000 from the road fund to start work on the Franklin-av detention home as quickly as possible in order to provide emergency jobs.

### Churches to Aid.

Appeals to priests, rabbis and pastors in every church in Cleveland to address congregations Sunday on the need of finding jobs at once for the jobless were sent out Saturday by the commission.

This action was authorized at a meeting late Friday as a big feature of the city wide campaign to find or create a job for every destitute, unemployed Clevelander.

One big project definitely endorsed at Friday's session was the raising of a fund of \$50,000 or more to be used in providing work. The suggestion was made some of this money be spent in hiring 5000 men to clean streets.

Here are campaign details allotted to subcommittees: Public work, workrooms for women, publicity in outside newspapers for farm jobs, devising work to be paid for from the relief fund, establishing an emergency business loan fund by banks, organization of neighborhood clubs.

## WOULD CONTROL LOAN AGENCIES

Councilman E. A. Meyers announced Saturday he will ask the city law department to draw an ordinance regulating short time loan agencies.

Assistant Law Director Hostetler Saturday told Meyers the city has authority to pass such a regulating ordinance.

"My ordinance will require city inspection and regular reports of business transacted," Meyers said. "The state law does

not afford borrowers all the protection that would come with city regulation.

Finance Director Coughlin, member of a commission named by Gov. Cox to report possible legislation looking toward giving cities a larger share of revenue, Saturday approved Meyers' plan. He said every loan company should pay a license fee to the city.

## A RECORD-BREAKER

COUNCIL appropriation committee was putting the finishing touches to the appropriation ordinance for 1915.

Changes that had been recommended by Mayor Baker were being written into the ordinance. On the schedule was a line fixing Recreation Commissioner Black's salary at \$3000 instead of the \$2400 to which the committee at earlier sessions had reduced it.

"I've talked to Black," a councilman said, "and he says it isn't necessary to make his salary \$3000. He says he'll work for \$2400. He said he wants to show Cleveland he's worth \$3000."

So Black got his wish—\$2400.

Will wonders never cease? Cards all arranged to give a city official \$600 more a year and he turns it down!

Now the city can be as good a sport as Black by making his department the real division in charge of recreation instead of confining its functions, as at present, to managing the munny orchestra.



76 Sat.  
**REAL RELIEF IN  
SIGHT FOR CITY'S  
JOBLESS ARMY**

Efforts of Big Campaign  
Bear Fruit and Hundreds  
Go to Work

**LEADER-NEWS COUPONS  
PROVE POWERFUL HELP**

City Puts 500 to Work on the  
New Fairmount Reservoir;  
Pastors Aid

**OVERCOATS TO BE  
GIVEN SUNDAY IN  
NEWS COFFEE LINE**

A dozen good, warm overcoats will be given away Sunday morning to applicants at The News' coffee line on the Frankfort avenue side of the S. C. Smith Company plant, 1396 West 6th street. More than 2,000, including 50 women, were in the line Saturday. Most of the women carried pails for the coffee, milk and buns, supplied by the S. C. Smith Company, the Belle Vernon-Mapes Dairy Company and the Star Baking Company. More than half those in Saturday's line were there the first time. John C. Fayne, 515 Euclid avenue, Saturday said he will begin the distribution of tickets to his customers Monday to be given to worthy persons in poor circumstances. Each ticket will be good for a meal at Fayne's restaurant.

Real relief for Cleveland's jobless thousands, men and women, was seen Saturday by W. F. Hennessy, in charge of the city-state free employment bureau, as a result of the enthusiasm with which every one in Cleveland—individual and large employer—has entered into the campaign to provide work for one or more men or women.

The biggest boost for the workless came in the form of an announcement that 200 men will start work Monday and 300 more on Wednesday, on the new Fairmount reservoir. Scores of requests for individual men and women also were made Saturday.

The system of coupons inaugurated by The Leader-News has been a great help in obtaining employment for those who need it, Hennessy said Saturday. Leader-News coupons asking for help continue to reach The Leader-News offices in every mail. These at once are turned over to Hennessy and the wants of both the jobless man or woman and the person who wants work done are filled at once. Telephone calls for help also are numerous.

The citywide campaign for relief, being carried out by Mayor Baker's committee of 37 and its subcommittees, also is beginning to bear fruit.

**Pastors to Ask Jobs**

In accordance with the plan to have one or two large employers of labor address the noonday meetings of the relief committee, headed by Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director, W. H. Canniff, head of the Nickel Plate, and D. C. Moon,

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**RELIEF IN SIGHT**

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general manager of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, spoke at Saturday noon's meeting in the Chamber of Commerce.

Reports on the general situation were given and suggestions offered. Attention also was devoted to the plan which resulted in letters being sent to between 4,000 and 5,000 church members, asking them to get under way a house-to-house canvass to find work for the destitute unemployed. Pastors in their Sunday sermons will dwell upon the situation and ask that parishioners rack their brains to think of odd jobs that might be done if neighborhoods banded together.

Between 100 and 150 single men will be put to work Monday laying a 30-inch water main from the new 10,000,000-gallon reservoir at Warrensville to Kinsman road, Charities Director Commissioner J. B. Vining said Saturday. As many as possible of the

**SELLING BONDS  
LOW KEEPS 400  
MEN OUT OF JOBS**

Between 400 and 500 men are being deprived of work as a result of the sinking fund commission's action in disposing of \$500,000 worth of municipal light bonds below par, it was claimed at City Hall Saturday. Plans of Service Director Sidlo to use the proceeds for buying part of the \$950,000 Clark avenue issue have been thrown away because of the suit that followed.

The suit, filed by Law Director Stockwell in answer to a taxpayer's demand, now is in Ohio supreme court. Once for all it will be settled whether the sinking fund commission may dispose of city bonds below par. The accepted bid for the \$500,000 light bonds was \$490,000.

"If the suit is decided favorably by the city the bridge bonds will be purchased and the contract let," Sidlo said Saturday. "Approximately 8,000 tons of steel will be ordered providing work for 400.

men will be housed at Warrensville and boarded by the city. The cost, 50 cents a day, will be extracted from their wages. The men will be paid 25 cents an hour and will work six hours a day. Saturday Farm Superintendent Robert Mack reported 68 single men were at work in the quarries and at ditching.

**Sidlo Opposes Spending**

Service Director Sidlo reported Saturday against the proposal to spend \$10,000 additional at this time for street cleaning and repairing. In addition to a lack of work he said too much criticism of the service would result because of the inability of the unemployed to work with the rapidity of regular "white wings." Sidlo will confer with Park Commissioner Alber to learn whether something cannot be done at present on urgent park work. Work entailing an expenditure of \$200,000 and with possibilities of over \$1,000,000, must be done, he said, but the hitch is obtaining the money.

Work of putting through a \$10,000 boulevard through the city's Union avenue allotment was to be started Saturday. Approximately 75 men will be employed for one month on the project, Sidlo said.

Jan. 9/15.  
**DEMS TO FIGHT FOR  
SALARY BOOST, BAND**

Democratic councilmen, with a majority of 14, Saturday planned to quash attempts of Republican councilmen to have salary raises stricken out and the municipal orchestra abolished, when the 1915 appropriation ordinance is up for final approval Monday night.

One of the two \$500 salary increases granted was to Martin Thumm, municipal court clerk and Cuyahoga county Democratic leader. Councilman Ditttrick will demand \$11,000 granted the orchestra be used for outdoor relief. Councilman Townes wants \$15,000 set aside for a continuous audit of city books, as prescribed in the new charter.

As the appropriation ordinance now stands the city will face a deficit of \$1,040,000, and must issue emergency short-time notes.

**CALLS MAYOR'S  
ANTIVICE PLEDGE  
FAT GOLD BRICK**

Rev. A. S. Gregg, 10717 Earle avenue, superintendent of the American Reform union, took up winter quarters at Columbus Saturday, prepared to ask the legislature to pass six reform measures. He began his work with paying his respects to Mayor Baker thusly:

"Mayor Baker very cleverly has assured Cleveland church people he will eliminate the vice district by the end of his term. If he has the power to do it at all, why should he wait?"

"Of course, Baker cannot bind his successor as mayor, and the chances are that the next mayor would allow the district to reopen.

"Mayor Baker always is clever, and in this instance he has been so very clever that some of the good people of Cleveland are falling over themselves in their effort to congratulate him handing them a nice fat gold brick.

"What the people want is a law that will enable them to put out the red lights' all over the state, regardless of the attitude of the mayor, prosecutor or chief of police."

Plain Dealer  
Sunday  
**BLACK HAND MAKES  
THREAT TO MAYOR**

**Sends Two Letters Charging  
Cleveland's Funds Have  
Been Squandered.**

**Heated Dispute Arises at City  
Club Meeting on  
Finances.**

An announcement from Mayor Newton D. Baker that within two days he has received two threatening black hand letters charging him with waste of public funds, and a heated dispute over the advisability of borrowing \$1,040,000 to continue operation of city departments, marked a meeting of the City club yesterday called for the discussion of the 1915 city budget.

Charges were made by Samuel Scovil, president of Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., following addresses by Mayor Baker and heads of the city departments, that the water department is being operated in a wasteful manner and that taxpayers' money was being wrongfully used to pay interest on bonds issued for the new lighting plant.

"If I had run the water plant and had given the people as poor quality of water to drink for the past eight years, they would have lynched me," said President Scovil. "I could run the department for 20 per cent. less if you let me furnish the same kind of stuff. I have compared our gangs in the streets, and I know. In a situation such as now confronts the city, my stockholders would say to me, 'You've got so much money to run the property, now run it and if you don't get out.'

**Question of Value.**

"It is a question of whether we are getting \$1 worth of work for \$1 worth of expenditure. It is a question of whether we are not spending money for what I would call fads, not necessities. If you want to take money in taxation from one man to buy shoes for someone else might it not be said that you are discouraging efficiency?"

Many members of the club rose to their feet and Councilman W. S. Fife, Gerald, who acted as chairman, declared he would not allow Mr. Scovil to be interrupted unless he himself would consent to answer the questions that were directed at him.

Cries of "no" were heard when W. Lothman, principal of the East high school, moved to adjourn in the heat of the discussion, and Judge George S. Addams of the juvenile court was given the floor.

"I have met some poor people and know there are lots of people out at workhouse because they are home and because they have met their obligations," he declared. "Lots of people live on fine streets because they have made money in anti-social ways but according to law. The city is run to make money, but to do so we want men to run it who will make it a good place to live in a healthy city.

"The city cannot run, its business as a private corporation. It can't make one rate here and another there. It must charge one rate. Its books must be open and must be run in the interests of the people. If we wanted to run money we would put these men of



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office and elect men of another type." "I resent Mr. Scovil's use of the word 'stealing,'" said Finance Director Coughlin. "He has made the charge that we were stealing the tax payers' money. The people by more than two thirds vote ordered the is-

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suance of \$2,000,000 bonds to build the light plant. They voted to mortgage their homes to pay the interest and sinking fund. We are not stealing in using funds derived from taxation for the payment of interest and sinking fund."

Secretary Maurice Sarbinsky of the department of public utilities stated in answering the same charge that in the business of the plant was still in an early stage of development and that the anticipated income in 1915 was \$691,000.

Mayor Baker was not present when President Scovil attacked the management of city departments. "I have reached a state of mind in this matter when I feel as if I must cite authority for the city's stand in proceeding with its business on the present scale," the mayor said. "It is a serious matter. Within two days I have received two highly colored black hand letters saying I will be 'gotten' because I have been wasting the public's money."

"I do not take such letter seriously. They were consigned to the waste basket. They are of no significance excepting possibly to show the result of the discussion that has been going on upon unbalanced minds."

The mayor in addition to summing up the entire situation represented Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch at the meeting. All other departments were represented by the department heads. Health statistics were quoted by the mayor to show that the city's efforts through its health department are bearing fruit and that Cleveland's mortality rate is lower than that of any other large city in the country. The mayor urged the need of more police.

He explained further that Director Benesch advocated the appointment of police cadets who would be trained to cope with the social phases of the police department work.

Attorney Mark Thomsen asserted that the city should follow a pay-as-you-go policy.

Carl Nau, expert accountant asserted the average type of business is no more efficient than the average management of public affairs and that efficiency methods carried to their highest ideal could not possibly save more than 10 or 15 per cent.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, in explaining the situation that confronts the city, asserted the condition is not because the city spends too much money, but to a sudden drop in its revenue amounting to more than \$630,000.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo compared expenditures in his departments with those of other cities. City Law Director John N. Stockwell urged home rule in taxation and stated the city charter should fix a maximum rate.

Secretary Mayo Fesler of the City club in closing the meeting stated that from the standpoint of public discussion the meeting was one of the most successful that the organization has ever held.

## NORTON JOINS RACE, WANTS MAYORSHIP

Republican Attorney Announces He's Candidate for High City Office.

Declaration Comes as Other Party Men Object to Contest.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Attorney Miner G. Norton, Republican, last night became a contestant in the 1915 mayoralty race.

While he was making his announcement in the Forest City house to Republicans who had asked him to run, and declaring Harry L. Davis could not be elected, speakers at the first anniversary dinner of the John Hay club in Weber's, 242 Superior-ay N. E., were proclaiming that chances for Republican success next fall would be negligible should there be more than one candidate of Republican extraction. Almost without exception they voiced a conviction that Mr. Davis should receive the united support of Cleveland Republicans.

At the John Hay club banquet Councilman Harry C. Gahn, urged recently by Eighteenth ward citizens to become a candidate for mayor, made known he does not intend to run, and came out strongly for Candidate Davis.

At both the Norton and John Hay club meetings, speakers indicated that discontinuance of present administration policies and the city's financial condition would be made issues by Republicans in the coming campaign.

Cline Remains Silent.

These developments, crowding one after the other last evening, were preceded by the return home yesterday of John A. Cline, who may make a third anti-administration mayoralty candidate. Mr. Cline reached Cleveland following a vacation trip, feeling, one of his friends asserted, "fine and fit and ready to fight." He was silent, however, as to whether he expects to follow Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton into the contest for the chair occupied by Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Mr. Cline was not at the John Hay club dinner last evening. He said he received no invitation. Candidate Davis was there and made his first political speech since announcement of his candidacy. Mr. Norton stayed until the speaking began and then went to his own meeting in the Forest City house. Just after he left, President Pierre A. White of the John Hay club called his name, intending to ask him to speak.

Mr. Davis commented briefly when word was brought to the John Hay club dinner that Mr. Norton had become a candidate.

"I am surprised," he said, "that a man who was for my election a year and a half ago, and who publicly advocated it, should oppose it now. I have only the kindest feeling for him, however."

Petitions bearing Mr. Norton's name as a candidate will be in circulation tomorrow. They were distributed at the Forest City house last night. Mr. Norton's announcement was conditional to the extent that he said his running depended on whether the men who wanted to back him would obtain the necessary sig-

natures. As only 2,500 names are required this was not considered really a condition.

In announcing his position Mr. Norton, who was one of the committee that managed the Davis campaign in 1913, undertook to refute the

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charge frequently advanced by Davis supporters that the defeat of Mr. Davis in the last municipal campaign was due to the holding up of saloon licenses.

"The fact is Mr. Davis made his greatest gains in the wards and precincts in which the most licenses were subsequently granted," said Mr. Norton. "He lost heavily in the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth wards, which are East End, purely residential wards, and where few licenses were issued. This shows conclusively that he did not owe the defeat to the holding up of licenses."

"It is now certain, and practically conceded by all, that Mr. Davis would not be anywhere near as strong a candidate this year as he was the last time, the parts of the city from which he then received his main support being, with the exception of three wards, the most outspoken in opposition to his candidacy."

"I have canvassed the situation as far as possible since receiving your communications and have decided that my candidacy will depend upon your getting the necessary signatures required to the petitions. If you obtain the names I will be a candidate, and will not cease work until the polls close Nov. 2 next."

The announcement was addressed to West Side business men and representatives of the Wampanoag Indians, the Majestic club and the Brooklyn Republican club, those being the sources from which Mr. Norton received requests to run.

The mayoralty question was opened wide at the John Hay club dinner. Councilman Alex Bernstein, the first speaker, asserted Republicans never had more issues for a campaign. He said the other side would be aided most by a split in the Republican strength, and referred to Mr. Davis as the "ideal candidate."

Rev. Dr. Dan F. Bradley, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, said he was for Mr. Davis in 1913, and would be in the ranks behind him again this year. Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke asserted there could be no more effective way of assuring the election of Peter Witt than to have another Republican candidate besides Mr. Davis.

H. W. Brandt, head of the Brandt Co., provision firm, said that, choosing between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis, the latter seemed to him vastly the superior candidate. Congressman-elect H. I. Emerson of the Twenty-second district said he preferred to remain neutral.

Councilman Gahn expressed belief that sentiment among Republicans is stronger for Mr. Davis.

Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald said any other Republican entering against Mr. Davis will lay himself open to the enmity of "every Republican in Cuyahoga county" if his candidacy resulted in defeat of opponents of the administration.

Monroe Curtis declared himself for Mr. Davis. Councilman Clayton C. Townes expressed himself as a Davis supporter. Candidate Davis spoke last, declaring he was in the race to stay, and predicting his own election.

Officers of the John Hay club were elected after the dinner. Mr. Curtis, who had been secretary, was chosen president. Other officers named are Lamar Beman, first vice president; James Lind, second vice president; John A. Elden, secretary; William H. Thomas, treasurer, re-elected.

## CITY TAKES LEAD IN MAKING JOBS, AS FUND GROWS

Mayor Baker Announces Employment for Two Hundred on Fairmount Water Works Reservoir.

Samuel Mather Contributes \$10,000 and F. H. Goff \$1,000 to Relief Cause.

TELEPHONE WORK WILL KEEP WORKERS BUSY

Business Men Discuss Various Ways of Rendering Help.

### ONE WAY YOU MAY AID

If you need a man or a woman, skilled or no, for an hour, a day or a week, telephone Main 4600 and ask for the State-City Free Employment bureau. The bureau will fill your order at once.

If you are destitute and out of work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 34-st., and file an application blank. The bureau, with the support of industries and private citizens, will endeavor to get you a situation.

With the announcement yesterday noon at the Chamber of Commerce meeting of the mayor's employment commission that the city will set 200 men to work tomorrow at the new Fairmount water works reservoir on Cleveland Heights and that hundreds of others are to be given employment by the Cuyahoga Telephone Co. in installing underground wires, the give-a-job movement showed that it is gathering strength with community co-operation behind it.

Mayor Newton D. Baker explained how the city has taken the lead in job giving. His statements were followed by great applause from members of the commission.

To start the fund to be used in giving work to unemployed, Samuel Mather yesterday noon gave \$10,000. F. H. Goff, head of the Cleveland Foundation, contributed \$1,000.

These two contributions are the beginning of a fund of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to be used in paying workers for labor.

No Longer a Theory.

The meeting of the commission proved that the give-a-job movement is no longer theoretical. Announcement of immediate jobs for from 300 to 500 unemployed men were made by Mayor Newton D. Baker. Further plans by which private employers of labor can take on hundreds of workers also developed at the meeting.

W. F. Hennessy, head of the state-city free employment bureau, city hall, announced that the publicity of the give-a-job movement has re-



resulted in hundreds of calls every day for workers. Householders and farmers have joined in the movement, Mr. Hennessy said.

W. H. Caniff, president of the Nickel Plate railroad, and D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, guests of the commission, explained the unemployment situation as handled by the railroads.

Mr. Moon pointed out a way by which hundreds of men could be put to work filling in new land along the lake front, provided an agreement can be reached with the city. Mr. Moon, answering a question of Paul Feiss, said the railroad could put men to work at this task immediately if the city would agree as to the payment, conditional on the outcome of the present case in the courts to determine the ownership of the land in question.

Mayor Baker said the city has enabled telephone companies to give

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employment to hundreds of men at once by suspending a city ordinance and allowing the telephone companies to tear up streets for underground wire construction work. Mr. Baker said the Cuyahoga company has promised to proceed as soon as possible with the elimination of its aerial systems in certain districts.

### Discuss Loan Fund.

The emergency loan fund to be started by Cleveland banks was again discussed at the meeting. Mr. Goff said the banks have already been called upon this year to subscribe heavily to two other funds, the one required by the new federal reserve law and the other to relieve the situation in the south. Mr. Goff said the fund to provide loans for workingmen of character but without resources could be adopted here with certain safeguards without placing any undue burden on the banks.

"This is a community responsibility for the banks," said Mr. Goff. "They

have a right to look upon the welfare of the people of this community as something they can stretch a point to maintain."

This morning in the pulpits of hundreds of Cleveland churches the give-a-job movement will receive attention of pastors. The purpose of creating work for the unemployed will be explained and organizations of canvassers to find jobs will be perfected in all the churches. The appeals are to be made in churches of all denominations and faiths, by priests and rabbis as well as the Protestant pastors.

At the chamber of commerce meeting Allen T. Burns, chairman of the committee on procedure, commented on the statement of President Wilson on the unemployment situation made in Indianapolis Friday. President Wilson's statement that he favored federal action on unemployment will be the basis of an investigation of the possibilities of enlisting federal aid in the Cleveland campaign, Mr. Burns said.

Mayor Baker explained the work to be started tomorrow at the new Fairmount reservoir. He said 18,000 yards of topsoil would be removed immediately and a large quantity of undersoil as soon as arrangements can be made for its disposal. Mr. Baker said the men will be worked in shifts of 150 each to start, the workers to be paid current wages for five hours work.

The mayor also explained that 100 men will be placed at work tomorrow

digging a trench for a thirty-inch waterworks main at the new reservoir on the Warrensville city farm. Concerning the starting of work by the Cuyahoga Telephone Co. on wire elimination projects Mr. Baker said the company had planned this work for summer, but that the agreement of the city to allow the company to take up paving will cause the work to begin as soon as possible.

W. H. Caniff, president of the Nickel Plate railroad, said that work on grade crossing eliminations on West Side streets could not begin for some time because of the preliminary plans that will have to be made.

Mr. Moon said the New York Central lines have been following a consistent policy of keeping men at work. Hours have been shortened in anticipation of the present situation, Mr. Moon said. At this point Mr. Moon explained how an agreement with the city will enable the company to proceed with the work of filling in new land along the lake front.

Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Co., said his company is undertaking to care for all its former employees in need of aid. He said that the state-city free employment bureau has been asked to report whenever a former employee of the company asks for a position.

"We will tide over our former employees until we can take them back to work," said Mr. Adams. "We shall expect our loans to be repaid. If other companies would undertake the same action in tiding over former employees until such time as they can be taken back to work the problem will be greatly simplified."

Victor W. Sincere also spoke on methods by which employers can aid employees they have been compelled to release. Mr. Sincere told of cases that have come under his personal observation since the give-a-job movement began.

Samuel Halle suggested that all persons now employed be asked to contribute one day's pay to the fund being raised to pay workingmen for work to be created through the efforts of the commission. Mr. Halle's suggestion was referred to the committee in charge of the fund raising.

Rabbi S. Margolies has been appointed as an additional member of the mayor's commission, Chairman Goff reported. The commission now consists of forty-two members.

An emergency work room for women workers will be established at the city hall early next week, according to plans announced yesterday by a committee of women who are interested in the project. This work room will be used in co-operation with the state-city employment bureau and the workers will help with the sewing for the Red Cross and for the Associated Charities.

The committee consists of Mrs. H. W. Maynard, chairman; Mrs. Morris Black, vice chairman; Mrs. L. H. Goff, Mrs. Henry Sandford, Miss Myrta Jones, Mrs. Nathan Rosewater, Miss Mary Rathbun and Mrs. Allen T. Burns.

Beginning Monday the Consumers' league will send two volunteer members daily to assist in the work of handling applicants at the state-city employment bureau, city hall. They will care especially for the needs of the women applicants.

## AIM AT CITY ORCHESTRA

### Councilmen Want Fund for Police and Charity.

Two attempts to legislate the municipal orchestra out of existence will be made at tomorrow night's meeting of the city council before the appropriation ordinance for 1915 is passed. Councilman J. E. Smith said yesterday he would offer an amendment transferring the \$10,515 allowed for the salaries of musicians to the police department pay-roll.

"I believe the city should establish the police cadet system without further delay," said Councilman Smith.

Chairman A. R. Dittrick of the council committee on labor, announced yesterday the committee would submit a report on the unemployment problem and that it would recommend the transfer of the \$10,515 to the outdoor relief department for use as an emergency fund.

Another effort to set aside funds for the vocational guidance bureau will be made tomorrow by Mayor Baker and Councilman William Stolte. The suggestion will be made the city contribute half, the rest to be raised by private subscription. Councilman E. A. Meyers will offer a resolution asking the appointment of a special committee to prepare an ordinance regulating loan agencies.

## \$11,000 DONATED TO JOBLESS FUND; RELIEF GROWING

Samuel Mather Gives \$10,000; F. H. Goff \$1,000 Toward \$50,000 Required.

### WORK FOUND FOR 200 MEN

Boy Scouts to Notify Them to Report on City Undertakings Monday.

A real relief in the shape of employment for a large number of the city's unemployed is expected this week by all the agencies whose co-operation to meet the emergency situation has proved one of the most remarkable things in the history of the community.

Sunday morning fifty Boy Scouts, detailed for special messenger service by Scout Commissioner Delo Mook, will notify some 200 men to report for work on city undertakings Monday morning.

Developments in the concerted effort to aid the jobless came thick and fast yesterday. At a meeting of the Cleveland employment committee in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon, announcement was made that \$11,000 had been donated toward a \$50,000 employment relief fund. Of this sum, \$10,000 came from Samuel Mather, Cleveland capitalist and philanthropist, and \$1,000 from F. H. Goff, chairman of the committee.

A campaign for raising the balance of the fund and the details of its administration will be arranged by the finance committee of which Mr. Mather is chairman. The Cleveland Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, or the Federation of Jewish Charities, may be asked to conduct the campaign.

### Employment Agency Open Today.

From practically every pulpit in the city today, pastors will make appeals to their congregations to make special effort to find some kind of work for unemployed men and women. This was urged by the Federated Churches in letters sent out last week to 200 clergymen.

Rev. Fr. Hubert LeBlond and assistants at the Catholic Charities, were busy all day telephoning priests of the Catholic churches asking them to make a similar appeal to their congregations.

The State-City Free Employment Agency was open yesterday afternoon and will be open all day Sunday to expedite putting the unemployed to work. Between 150 and 200 men are being sent out on jobs daily, according to Commissioner Hennessy.

"Things are looking brighter," said he. "Business seems to be picking up and I think the end of this week will see conditions greatly bettered. The Leader-News coupons are bringing a good deal of work for our applicants."

"The Boy Scouts will go out in the morning with welcome news to some 100 men who are to report for work at 7 o'clock Monday morning, and in the afternoon, another detail of the Scouts will go out to notify 100 more men who are to report at noon Monday."

A committee of eight women, representing women's organizations



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which met last Wednesday to plan for establishment of a women's emergency workroom, was named yesterday to arrange for the opening of the workroom in the city hall this week.

The committee comprises representatives of the Woman Suffrage party, Council of Jewish Women, Y. W. C. A., Consumers' League, Vocational Guidance Bureau and Women's Association of Commerce. It is planned to give steady work to at least twenty-five women in this workroom. The sewing will be done for the Red Cross and the Associated Charities.

#### D. C. Moon Suggests Plan.

Possibility of employment being given some 300 men on filling in the lake front loomed up at the committee meeting in the chamber yesterday when D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, said the road would consider a conference with the city for the purpose of finding a way to carry on the "fill" work regardless of the litigation now holding it up.

W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel Plate Railroad, said they were endeavoring to open up as much emergency work as possible. Preliminary plans for raising West Side grade crossings are being rushed.

Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, told Hennessey that the concern would give employment to, or care for, all men formerly employed by it and now out of work.

The mayor reported on considerable municipal work to be begun at once, chief among the jobs being excavation for the new Fairmount reservoir, which will give employment to 500 men by Wednesday at 25 cents an hour. Monday 150 men will be put to work digging a trench on the Warrensville farm, while extension of water pipes to the Warrensville reservoir, five miles away, will furnish more employment.

Permits to the Ohio State Telephone Company, successor to the Cuyahoga, to put a number of its wires underground at once, will be granted, the mayor said, although this work is usually held up until spring.

## NORTON TO MAKE RACE FOR MAYOR

Formally Announces Candidacy; Gahn Withdraws in Favor of Davis.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

One mayoralty lightning rod was put up and another pulled down last night when Miner G. Norton announced his candidacy and put out nomination petitions, and Harry C. Gahn withdrew and indorsed Harry L. Davis.

Politics resembled a two-ring circus in Cleveland last night. Over at the Forest City House, Norton made a speech to a couple of hundred political workers, and at Weber's Casino, Davis made a speech at a demonstration dinner for his candidacy that was staged by the officers of the John Hay Club.

Norton and Davis paid opening compliments of the campaign to each other. Davis remarked that he was surprised that a man who had supported him in 1913 would be against

## NOTES THREATEN LIFE OF MAYOR

Baker Tells Club Writers Have Protested His Wasting City Money.

"Black Hand" letters threatening Mayor Baker because he was wasting public funds have been received the past two days by the mayor, he told members of the City Club yesterday.

Violent threats against his safety were contained in the letters, Baker declared. The mayor has not taken the written menaces against his person seriously, he said, but mentioned them merely to show the impression that can be conveyed to the minds of some "vapid" people.

Baker and departmental directors appeared before the club to explain why the funds appropriated for the different departments were needed. The administration was arraigned by Samuel Scovil, president of the Illuminating Company, in the discussion that followed.

Mr. Scovil disputed figures presented by Maurice Garbrinsky, secretary of the department of public utilities, declared that the waterworks division was not economically managed, and said that home owners were taxed for fads and frills.

Smiling and aggressive for a half hour, this speaker debated with directors and friends of the administration who sought to interrupt him.

"I am the only speaker who has been heckled," he said, when Director of Finance Coughlin and Professor A. R. Hatton interrupted him with questions.

"Who is making the speech?" Scovil inquired, when Director Coughlin made a vehement defense of municipal ownership of public utilities.

"Citizens didn't vote on the question of using \$140,000 out of this year's receipts for extending the lighting plant and taking another \$140,000 out of their pockets for interest charges," said Scovil, in answer to Coughlin's statement that the building of the light plant had been approved by voters.

"I would like to see the question submitted on whether the \$140,000 is to be used in extending the plant or for more police or fire protection."

Councilman FitzGerald, chairman of the meeting, ruled that the speaker was entitled to finish his remarks without interruption when questions began to fly thick and fast.

"Directors agree that the needs of the city are inadequately cared for," said Mr. Scovil.

"If stockholders of my company told me that there was just so much money to spend in one year I would be forced to reduce expenditures to that amount or get out."

Scovil charged that there was too much paternalism in the city government and too much sympathy wasted on prisoners at Warrensville. The home owner is taxed for shoes for unfortunates at Warrensville to such an extent that he can't buy shoes for his own family.

Taxing all home owners for interest and sinking fund for the municipal lighting plant was branded as "stealing from the pockets of taxpayers," by the speaker.

He said a private company could manage the waterworks for 20 per cent less money, and that this was the only utility in the country that had not reduced rates in the last twenty years.

"If I had furnished such reeking chlorinated stuff as the city has furnished for drinking water during the last eight years, I would have been

hanged," said Scovil.

Attorney Mark Thomsen said that he was friendly to the present administration, but that it did not exercise economy in small things.

Substantial increases in its appropriations may be asked by the department of public service during the year, Director of Public Service Sidlo said. He declared appropriations for sewer maintenance and street lighting were too low.

Registration of all young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one was proposed by Director Cooley, who said that the city should know just where young people spent their evenings and should provide recreation. Cooley declared that the department of public welfare was not a fad.

Home rule in taxation with a charter limitation on taxes was suggested by Director of Law Stockwell.

Other speakers were Director Coughlin, Attorney P. A. White, Carl Nau, former city treasurer, and Judge Addams.



## STORMY SESSION OF COUNCIL DUE AS BUDGET IS PASSED

City Monday Night to Be Saddled With Million Extra Debt in Order to Pay Expenses.

NO MONEY TO SPEND, BUT WE MUST HAVE OUR FADS

Salary Raises and Fancy Projects Expected to Bring Stalwart Protests.

Stormy, is the city council forecast for Monday night.

Atmospheric disturbances will prevail over the east, west and central portion of the council chamber and will precede the passage of the 1915 appropriation ordinance, which authorizes the expenditure of more than five million dollars during the current year. This is the prediction of council members, who say the disturbances, while frequent and in some instances of considerable volume, will not seriously handicap them in granting the administration the much-needed five million.

The ordinance authorizes expenditures of \$5,607,960. Minority members will vote against all salary increases and other amendments will be submitted.

### Must Borrow Million.

Passage of the ordinance in the form approved by the committees on appropriations and finances will commit the city to the policy of borrowing \$1,040,000 this year for the operating expense of the government. Estimated receipts from all sources are but \$4,567,960. It is for this reason salary advances will be opposed, according to Councilmen Woods and Townes.

Councilman Stolte announced Sunday he would make an effort to obtain a \$3,000 appropriation for the maintenance of an employment bureau for girls. Stolte will take the matter up at a caucus of Democratic councilmen Monday afternoon. In case he is overruled he will offer an amendment Monday night to provide for the bureau.

### Audit Is Opposed.

Democratic councilmen are expected to oppose Councilman Townes' proposal to appropriate \$15,000 for a continuous audit of financial affairs of the city by accountants employed by the council. This is required by the charter, but the city administration has made no effort to put the plan in operation.

Among city officials given salary boosts are: W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, \$500; Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk of municipal court, \$500; Charles Kamp, superintendent of markets, \$600, and W. H. Winans, secretary of the department of public welfare, \$200.

## 2100 HEAR SUNDAY REVERIE CONCERT

Orchestra Program, Surcharged Emotionally, Proves Popular; Ballet Music From "Feramors" Delightfully Played.

Yesterday's Municipal Symphony Orchestra program was almost surcharged emotionally. Only the dynamic overture, "William Tell," the closing number, supplied the brawn. The rest of the concert was the stuff that dreams are of, the reverie-breeding, sensuous music that carries one far from the work-a-day world of men towards that shore always below the horizon.

The orchestra was the thing yesterday and an audience of 2,100 testified to the popularity of an all-orchestra program, Christiaan Timmer conducting.

Part of the overture, "Poet and Peasant" and an excerpt from "Mignon" were repeated. The strings came into their own in the "Siegfried Idyll" and "Omphale's Spinning Wheel" (Saint-Saens), and the cellos, especially, sang in the Tchaikowski andante. The ballet music from "Feramors" (Rubinstein) was delightfully played. A concert such as this stamps the taste mark upon Cleveland. Those who remain away are the losers for every man and woman at the Hippodrome yesterday afternoon will take up today's tasks with spirit and go blithely on their way.

—LOUISE GRAHAM.

## URGE COLLEGE AT CITY FARM TO TRAIN POOR

Establishment of a state agricultural college at Warrensville or a municipal university with business courses, so parents of small means may educate their children, is recommended in a report of a subcommittee to be sent to the Cleveland welfare council Tuesday.

Public meetings may be called by the council and churches, schools and civic bodies requested to cooperate in taking better care of children so as to prevent crime, if the recommendations are favorably received.

Figures prepared by Chief Rowe, showing that most burglaries and robberies in Cleveland are committed by men between eighteen and twenty-eight, and that crimes of men over twenty-one are "framed" in poolrooms and those of lads under twenty-one on street corners, are included in the report. Of 641 arrests in the last three months of 1914, 56 were of men of twenty-three; 49 of twenty; 44 of eighteen; 44 of twenty-two, and 39 of twenty-one. Homes are merely boarding places for many Cleveland lads, according to Rowe.

It is possible a municipal university survey now being made by the Cleveland Foundation, at the request of Mayor Baker, will be considered by the council when the survey is completed. Data from cities maintaining universities is being procured by directors of the survey and will be submitted to Baker after the unemployed situation is disposed of.

## CLINE ALMOST READY TO COME OUT FOR MAYOR

Attorney John A. Cline, Monday, for the first time, clearly indicated that he expects to be a candidate for mayor. His formal declaration will not be made for two or three days.

"If I am a candidate I will be elected," said Cline. "I will have enough first choice votes to make a big showing—I believe a majority of them—and I am sure that my second choice vote will elect me."

"I want it understood that if I decide to announce my candidacy it will not be as a Republican. Under the Cleveland charter the election of mayor is supposed to be non-partisan. If I run it will be as a non-partisan independent candidate."

Miner G. Norton's friends Monday were busy circulating nominating petitions. Norton announced his candidacy Saturday night at a meeting at the Forest City House. Harry L. Davis, Republican candidate in 1913 and again a candidate, Monday was completing a list of men he will ask to serve on his "committee of 100."

## BAKER WON'T WEAR BULLET-PROOF VEST

Mayor Baker decided Monday he'd try and struggle through the rest of his term without any police guard to protect him from the "Black Hand." Letters threatening all kinds of dire things have been received by the mayor signed by the dread organization. But Monday Baker still was alive and well and wasn't wearing even a bullet-proof vest.

The letters Baker says blame him for the way the city's finances have been handled and for the fact that Cleveland now is nearly \$1,000,000 in debt.

## DEMS TO FORCE BIG CITY LOAN

Democratic councilmen, with a majority of 14 on council floor, Monday night were to give final approval to the 1915 appropriation ordinance entailing expenditures so large that \$1,040,000 must be procured by means of an emergency note issue to provide adequate funds for the year.

Considerable opposition was expected, presumably from Republican members. Councilman Townes was to demand an amendment tacked on setting aside \$15,000 for a continuous audit as called for in the new charter. Councilman Smith, aided by Councilman Smith, planned to ask that the \$10,500 be diverted to outdoor relief. The thousand dollars for the vocational guidance bureau, abolished by council, was to be asked by Councilman Stolte.

Chief of the salary raises granted is one of \$500 to J. Martin Thumm, clerk of municipal court and a leader of Cuyahoga county Democrats.



# 100 EXTRA MEN TO GET WORK ON NEW RESERVOIR

City Puts 160 On, but Rush Is So Great the Number Will Be Increased

Three committees handling different branches of the unemployment situation advanced their work Monday.

Two hundred men were put to work at the new Fairmount reservoir. They will work in shifts of five hours each at 25 cents an hour.

So great was the rush of unemployed men for work at the reservoir that Water Commissioner Schulz at noon decided to put 100 more men on the job Tuesday morning. One hundred reported at 7 a. m. Monday, 160 at noon; 100 will be put on Tuesday morning and 140 more late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Many men who could not be located

by Boy Scouts from the city-state employment agency because of a mistaken address, reported they had learned that they were wanted by reading the list printed in Sunday's Leader. In some instances wives accompanied their husbands to insure finding the right place.

At 11 o'clock the committee appointed to canvass the city and seek employment for the thousands now out of work met at Goodrich House. The churches, women's clubs and the suffrage association, all of which have taken up the suggestion that a complete canvass of the city be made, reported to Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation director. All reported enthusiasm in the project to visit householders and solicit work for the unemployed. The next step will be to divide the city into districts and assign canvassers to these sections.

## Employers Willing to Help

At noon the committee appointed to visit employers and see what they could do to relieve conditions met at the Hollenden. Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, is chairman of this committee. Employers indicated their willingness to "go the limit" in giving jobs to the unemployed.

A meeting of the Consumers' league, in charge of the workrooms opened to give employment to women also was held Monday and considered means to get the greatest amount of work for the rooms to handle.

Late Monday the fund committee, which has set out to raise \$50,000 to furnish work will meet. Samuel Mather, who contributed \$10,000 to this fund, was out of the city Monday. F. H. Goff, who contributed \$1,000, will act as chairman of this committee in Mather's absence. The committee Monday will consider how best to spend this money in obtaining the greatest amount of work for the greatest number of men.

## Phone Companies to Give Work

Service Director Sidlo said Monday he will approve plans of the Ohio State Telephone Company, successor to the Cuyahoga, for putting wires underground in Union avenue between Broadway and East 110th street, and in Fleet avenue between

East 49th and 65th streets. The custom of the service department not to allow streets to be opened in winter will be waived. The material already has been ordered and work will be provided for several hundred men until spring.

An effort may be made to have the Bell company do likewise.

At Warrensville Monday 62 single men were at work on a 30-inch water main from Kinsman road to the new Warrensville reservoir. They are being housed by the city at a cost of \$3.50 a week.

The suggestion of D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, that the road be permitted to fill in the lake front just east of East 9th street, to make approaches for the proposed new union station, and that in event the city is given possession of the made land by the court the city pay the expense, was not received well at the City Hall. Moon told members of the general relief committee Saturday this project would provide work for nearly 300 men.

## Leader-News Finds Many Work

Fifty-five men and 51 women were given work at the city-state offices Monday. The number of applications, especially those of women, topped any previous day. The 500 men to work on the new Fairmount reservoir are being selected from the bureau's preferred list.

Leader-News "give-a-job" coupons continue to come in great number and are providing the means of finding employment for more than a score of worthy, destitute, workless men daily.

Many who had not the necessary card were turned away at the new reservoir.

Sam Meno, 2224 East 108th street, with tears in his eyes begged for something to do.

"I have a wife and two babies," he cried, "and no work. 'We will starve if I don't get something. Please put me to work.'"

But Meno had neglected to sign up with the state-city bureau.

Several well-dressed men were in the crowd of the jobless.

Until surveying of the 30-acre site of the reservoir is done, Superintendent Hammer said, only the top soil, which is very fertile, will be removed. This will be piled up and later sold to residents of the neighborhood.

## Industries Begin to Awaken

Increased industrial activity, which experts declare will greatly relieve the unemployment situation in Cleveland in common with the rest of the country, was reported Monday. Manufacturers of steel and harvesters, shipyards and mines are putting on more men, and Akron rubber plants will speed up to a three-shift day within three weeks, due to lifting of the British embargo on rubber. Railroads are inquiring for prices on steel rails, locomotives and cars, and some already have placed orders. Chief among these is the Pennsylvania railroad, which is expected to place its order for 100,000 tons of rails this week.

Plans to open a second emergency workroom to employ women were to be discussed late Monday by a subcommittee of the unemployment commission, of which Mrs. Hugh Maynard is chairman. This room is wanted in City Hall. The emergency workroom at the Y. W. C. A., conducted by the Federation of Women's clubs, started its second week Monday.

Great impetus was given the hire-a-man movement by pastors' sermons in nearly every church in Cleveland and suburbs Sunday.

# ASKS CITIZENS TO HELP IN TAX REFORM WORK

Bascom Little, chairman of a committee of 15 named by Mayor Baker to study Ohio tax laws and suggest reform, said Monday members will be listeners at the first meetings.

"Before even considering a plan," Little said, "we want the advice and suggestions of every person who has studied taxation."

The first meeting will be held in council chamber some time this week.

Baker has presented these figures to show that while the population and municipal responsibilities in 11 Ohio cities have greatly increased since 1911, the per capita, general and liquor taxes in each city have decreased:

City.	Per Capita Tax in 1911.	Per Capita Tax in 1914.
Cleveland	\$ 7.10	\$5.81
Cincinnati	10.81	9.40
Columbus	5.32	3.59
Toledo	6.38	4.34
Dayton	5.91	5.52
Akron	5.15	2.06
Youngstown	5.83	4.45
Canton	4.99	4.27
Hamilton	5.38	4.56
Newark	3.87	3.17
Lorain	4.77	4.10

Baker attributes the falling off in revenue to a faulty taxation system.

Little Monday likened the personnel of the committee to that of the charter commission.

"It includes a single taxer, labor leader, socialist, manufacturer, tax expert, judge, lawmaker and others, all men of widely different views and experience," he said.

"Our object is not to champion any preconceived notion of tax reform, but to hear all the evidence and submit a scientific plan for the collection and distribution of taxes."

Councilman Reynolds, who introduced the resolution calling for the committee, said if a tangible plan of tax reform is worked out, the program will be recommended to the legislature through council legislative committee.

# TO FIGHT FUND FOR MUNY MUSIC

Republican councilmen will lead a fight in council Monday night to defeat the \$10,575 appropriation for the municipal orchestra.

Mayor Baker, who backs the appropriation, said Monday he thought the move would fail.

Councilman FitzGerald, republican, will advocate using the fund for extension of the employment agency work. Councilman Smith, democrat, favors using the money for outdoor relief.

Councilman Damm, democrat, said he believes that owing to the depleted condition of the treasury, there are several departments in which the appropriation could be used.

The republican members are expected to fight the general appropriation ordinance, demanding a cut of 3.37 per cent in all appropriations, as recommended by chamber of commerce.

# JOBS FOR GIRLS COST CITY BUT 43 CENTS EACH

Is Cleveland willing to spend 43 cents to get a girl a job—the right kind of a job?

Council will decide Monday night when it acts upon the \$4895 appropriation asked for the girls' vocational guidance bureau which finds jobs for girls at the approximate cost to the city of 43 cents each.

Thirty-two girls between sixteen and twenty-one, all eager for jobs, were at bureau headquarters in city hall Monday morning. Miss Bertha Stevens, director,

said an average of 100 girls call each day.

The girls sat in the waiting room and chatted. But when the phone bell tinkled you could hear a pin drop. All eyes became centered on the bureau clerk taking the message, each girl wondering whether that phone call had brought her a job.

In the group of waiting girls an employer could have found a house maid, cook, office or store clerk, or even a private secretary.

One girl there sat a little apart from the rest. Her apple cheeks and curious eyes told she hadn't been in from the country long enough to be accustomed to such a scene.

Of the few dollars she possessed when she came here, less than two remained. Part of her small hoard had gone to paying a fee at a regular employment agency which had sent her to work in a place the girl's intuition told her to leave.

Afraid to waste another dollar on agency fees, she began walking the streets looking for work. The policeman who rescued her told her about the bureau.

# Baker Agrees With Birney on Movies

Rev. George Hugh Birney, pastor of Euclid-av Methodist church, who preached Sunday on what he saw in a tour of the movies, Monday had not inspired any new movie regulating legislation at city hall.

Mayor Baker agreed with Birney that many of the films are "emotional dangers," but said he was at sea as to how to censor the pictures.

"In 30 minutes a person looking at some of the pictures will have all the mental labor or thrills of a week's experience," said Baker. "That deteriorates the mind."

Birney said most of the picture plays he saw were exaggerated, producing an abnormal effect upon the emotions. He said it is the church's duty to champion a reform.

Birney is the minister who made a tour of the grill rooms on New Year eve and preached a sermon on the celebrations he saw.

# BAKER SAYS THREATS CAUSE HIM NO ALARM

A statement by Mayor Baker at the City-club Saturday that he had received an anonymous note threatening him with personal injury because there is insufficient revenue for city expenses next year, brought out Monday the fact that Baker has directed his secretary, Milton Young, to immediately destroy all unsigned notes received. "These letters are not worth thinking about," Baker said. "They usually are only amusing, as this one was."



## MISS CHADSEY TO SEEK MORE PAY

**\$1,800 Not Enough Now,  
Since Other Cities Bid  
for Her Services.**

City council members who voted to cut \$600 from the salary of Miss Mildred Chadsey, learned yesterday that retroaction of the \$600 would not be sufficient to retain Miss Chadsey as chief of the city's sanitary police. Councilmen after deciding to cut her salary to \$1,200 were forced by Mayor Baker to reconsider their action when she threatened to quit. Civic organizations also protested against the salary cut.

### Receives Better Offers.

Miss Chadsey yesterday notified Director of Public Welfare Cooley that if he expected her to remain as head of the bureau of sanitation she would expect a substantial increase in salary. The position now pays \$1,800.

Attractive offers of positions in other cities at a salary considerably larger than the amount she is receiving here have been received, she declared, since the salary question came before the city council.

### Promised More Money.

Miss Chadsey claims that at the time she took the position four years ago it was understood that the salary was to be increased shortly afterward. No change has been made. Miss Chadsey told Dr. Cooley yesterday that she was practically unassisted by other city officials in her fight with the council committee on appropriations and that it was up to the administration to make good its promise of increased pay.

"We do not want to lose Miss Chadsey, who is doing efficient work," said Director Cooley. "I hope that some way can be worked out so she will remain on the job."

## CITIZENS PETITION MAYOR FOR PARK IN KINGSBURY RUN

Petitions protesting against the abandonment of plans for a park in Kingsbury Run near Kinsman road and E. 55th street were filed with Mayor Baker yesterday. Residents living in that section of the city urge in the petition that the project be carried out as originally planned.

The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad agreed to give the city tracts of land in the gully at E. 40th street and a park area near Kinsman and E. 55th street in return for franchise rights. Later the company held that it needed the land east of E. 55th street for a right of way and city officials consented to a substitution of a tract lying farther south.

Signers of the petition claim that the E. 55th street bridge would add to the picturesqueness of a park there. They say that the new location is too close to Woodland Hills Park.

## LETTER CAMPAIGN AIDS UNEMPLOYED

**Committee Writes to 1,600  
Telling How to Hire  
More Men.**

Sixteen hundred letters suggesting how employers may use more men were sent out yesterday by the employers' committee of the unemployment commission.

These letters will be followed by a personal canvass of employers conducted through the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry and the Builders' Exchange.

This canvass will start tomorrow, when reports as to the responses to the 1,600 letters will be submitted to the commission at a luncheon meeting in the Hollenden Hotel.

### Committee Plans Work.

Two other committees, the house-to-house canvass and the women's workroom committee, met yesterday. The former committee planned:

Mass meeting in Chamber of Commerce auditorium, next Monday when 1,000 volunteer canvassers will receive final instructions.

Assigning of canvassers to various blocks of the city and suburbs to be canvassed.

Second mass meeting after four days of canvassing for work, and outlining of follow-up campaign. The committee on woman's workroom outlined these plans:

To operate workroom in city hall, separate and apart from workroom operated at the Y. W. C. A.

To pay women workers \$1 a day, three days a week, for sewing.

To defray expenses by voluntary contributions from various women's organizations.

To open city hall workroom tomorrow with accommodations for twenty-five women.

To have separate organizations responsible for each day's work.

Mayor Baker will be the guest of the unemployment commission at a luncheon meeting today, when a committee headed by Samuel Mather will report as to how the proposed \$50,000 work fund will be applied. This committee will meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

### 1,200 Apply for Jobs.

Besides Mr. Mather members of the committee are Charles Eisenman, F. F. Prentiss, W. H. Prescott and H. H. Johnson. A contribution of \$10,000 from Mr. Mather and \$1,000 from E. H. Goff, chairman of the commission, gives the fund a start of \$11,000.

Activities of the commission and responses to the Leader-News work coupons resulted in the listing of 1,200 men and women in urgent need of work at the State-City Free Employment Exchange yesterday. This is in addition to 5,000 listed since January 6. Superintendent Hennessey gave 335 men work yesterday and received calls for 347 positions.

Another 100 men will be put to work today removing the top soil for the Fairmount reservoir. Two hundred were put to work yesterday morning.

Members of the house-to-house canvass committee decided yesterday that not less than 1,000 volunteers will be needed for the work. Six hundred have volunteered thus far, 200 from the Federation of Woman's Clubs, 200 from the Federated Churches and 200 from the woman's suffrage organization.

Miss Genevieve Cline is to be in charge of the club women; Rev. E. H. Tippet, of the church workers,

and Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, of the suffrage volunteers. Rev. C. Hubert LeBlond will direct the activities of volunteers from the Catholic churches.

Work of canvassing employers is in charge of Mr. Goff, W. H. Cottingham, W. D. Sayle, Morris Black, T. C. Wellsted and A. E. Hyre.

The canvassing both employers and householders will be aided by Boy Scouts.

Contracts for public improvements expected to furnish work for many men were approved by the city board of control yesterday. The contracts included piping for new city hospital, \$26,000; fire hydrants, \$25,545, and structural steel for Division pumping station, \$65,170.

Mayor Baker ordered Director of Public Utilities Stage to have brick and other masonry work at the Division plant made ready for the steel.

## CHARLES P. SALEN SHIES AT RUNNING FOR MAYOR'S JOB

**Former Democratic Leader Must  
Have Evidence of Big Popular  
Demand, Delegation  
Is Told.**

**PROMISES TO GIVE MATTER  
HIS SERIOUS ATTENTION**

**City Sorely in Need of Clean Cut  
Business Administration,  
He Believes.**

Charles P. Salen, former leader in Democratic politics, yesterday refused to accede to the demands of his friends that he announce himself as a candidate for mayor on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Salen, while admitting he was not entirely unresponsive, refused also to say what his decision would be. He was visited in his office in the Cuyahoga building by a delegation.

"The time is not right just yet," said Mr. Salen last night, "for such an announcement on my part. However, I have promised those who called on me that I would give the matter serious thought."

"Should I have evidence that the people of Cleveland consider me the proper person to take the helm of their government, I should be recreant to my duty as a citizen if I did not enter the race."

"The next mayor of Cleveland will confront greater and more complex problems than has any of his predecessors. The city is sorely in need of a clean cut business administration."

Former Sheriff E. D. Sawyer, Thomas Masterson, representing the Third Ward Tom L. Johnson Club, Stanley Harris, 2283 E. 71st street, and Edward Clifford, 2111 Prospect avenue, were among those who urged Mr. Salen to make the race.

Harry L. Davis was indorsed for mayor last night at meeting of the 200 members of the John C. Fremont Republican Club at the clubrooms, Lorain avenue and W. 59th street. The following officers were elected: president, E. B. Hindinger; vice presidents, F. L. Moritz and Jessie Hurdle; secretary, William Bradley; treasurer, William B. Purdon; trustees, Arthur Isaac, Henry Deunk, and Herman Zopf.

## COUNCIL VOTES \$1,000,000 DEBT

**1915 Appropriation Ordinance Passed; \$15,000 for  
City Audit Approved.**

Deficits of more than a million dollars in operating expenses of the city will be incurred this year under the terms of the 1915 appropriation ordinance passed by the city council last night. Minority members of the council voted against the measure after attacking salary increases and failure to reduce departmental expenses.

The appropriation ordinance allows expenditures of \$5,622,960. The measure was passed in practically the form approved by the committees on appropriations and finance, an amendment by Councilman Townes for a \$15,000 appropriation for an independent audit of city finances being the only one approved.

Legislation authorizing the issuing of \$675,000 worth of bonds for paving and sewers was also introduced at the meeting.

### Reconsideration Opposed.

Councilman Smith made an unsuccessful effort to have the \$11,000 appropriated for a municipal orchestra used for the employment of additional patrolmen. Majority members voted against Councilman FitzGerald's proposal to refer the measure back to committee for a further consideration of a uniform reduction in all expenditures. FitzGerald, Smith, Bernstein, Rolf, Damm and Gahn and Director of Finance Coughlin took part in the debate on the passage of the ordinance.

Democrats had decided on a plan of action at a caucus in Mayor Baker's office in the afternoon. They made little effort to defend the measure, but voted solidly against the proposals of the minority. Smith's opposition to the orchestra was the only break in the ranks.

### Opposes "Luxuries."

Councilman Stolte failed to make his promised fight for a \$3,000 appropriation for an employment bureau for girls. The vocational guidance bureau is expected to pass out of existence as a result.

FitzGerald raised the question of legality of the ordinance if passed before a third reading, in asking that the committee hold further meetings before final action. Director of Law Stockwell held that the ordinance would be legal.

"We ought not to buy luxuries when we lack money for necessities," said Smith, in urging the defeat of the orchestra appropriation.

FitzGerald also criticized the orchestra. He said that it was a luxury not warranted by the city's finances and established largely on recommendations of Mayor Baker. The orchestra fund was allowed by a vote of nineteen to five.

Councilman Bernstein declared that it was poor business policy to attempt to increase a deficit for current expenses. "The city ought to run its affairs with the amount of money it receives," said Bernstein.

Councilman Gahn wanted to know why the deficits this year would be larger than in 1914, when \$765,000 was borrowed.

### Salary Increases Protested.

There is no justification for the salary increases allowed by the committee," said FitzGerald, in protesting against the ordinance.

Salary raises, granted by the committee, in addition to increases in the



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 BUDGET PASSED  
 BY COUNCILMEN**

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of clerks and stenographers were: W. H. Kirby, secretary department of public service, \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Charles Kamp, superintendent of markets, \$1,800 to \$2,400. Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk municipal court, \$2,500 to \$3,000.

W. H. Winans, secretary department public welfare, \$1,800 to \$2,000.

These raises are in addition to a number of salary increases approved by the board of control during the year.

It was decided to approve the Townes amendment at the Democratic caucus.

Mayor Baker was asked to name a commission of five to extend an invitation to bring the 1916 Olympic games to Cleveland in the event that they can not be held in Berlin, in a report from a special committee. The report said that the city could not offer financial assistance.

Councilman Durkin asked for a report on the cost of extending the high-pressure pumping system from E. 9th street to E. 55th street.

The department of public safety was asked to report on the cost of a new fire station at E. 71st street and Lexington avenue.

Councilmen Meyers, Bernstein and Stanton were named on a committee to investigate salary and other loan agencies.

Street Railway Commissioner Witt said that it was none of the council's business if the Cleveland Railway Company failed to have derailer operators at grade crossings. The street railway committee had reported adversely on Councilman Gahn's resolution to have car operators at Central and Quincy avenue crossings. Gahn wanted to know the reason for the opposition.

Mayor Baker vetoed the Gahn ordinance regulating the manufacture of celluloid products, holding that the ordinance was too drastic in its terms.

It is said  
**DEMOCRATS SEEK  
 SALEN FOR MAYOR**

Leaders of Anti-Baker Faction Offer to Get Petitions to Aid Candidacy.

Former County Official Won't Enter Race at Present, He Declares.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Petitions for Charles P. Salen for mayor are to be put in circulation at once by Democrats who have offered to back him if he will run.

Mr. Salen has not announced himself a candidate. The petitions are to be circulated by his friends with the idea of establishing that there is sentiment for him. If the necessary signatures are obtained, a meeting will be held with the intention of having Mr. Salen step into the race.

The action was decided on at a session of Salen boosters yesterday afternoon in the office of the Mintz detective agency in the Cuyahoga building.

The movement is defined as distinctly anti-administration. The Democrats who want to get behind Mr. Salen are men not in sympathy with the regime of Mayor Newton D. Baker nor with the Democratic county organization. Leaders in the movement claim, however, that they have the secret support of a number of administration Democrats, and that business men will interest themselves particularly in the Salen boom.

Conspicuous at the meeting yesterday were E. M. Clifford, E. D. Sawyer, former sheriff; Stanley Harrison, George Farren and Detective Jake Mintz.

The men attending urged Mr. Salen to announce himself as a candidate. Mr. Salen replied it was too early. "But if this sentiment should crystallize," he said, "if it came about that the people seemed to want me to help lead them out of their troubles, I would then be regretful to my duty if I did not consent."

Cards were distributed bearing the slogan, "Safety First—Charles P. Salen for Mayor." These are to be given out by the men who will handle Salen petitions. It was announced that "safety first" would be the Salen campaign cry.

In answering the request that he run, Mr. Salen said the people want a business administration, "giving a dollar's worth of service for every dollar expended."

The John C. Fremont Republican club, at a meeting last night at W. 59th-st and Lorain-av, endorsed Harry L. Davis for mayor.

These officers were elected: E. B. Heidinger, president; Fred L. Moritz, first vice president; Jesse Hurdle, second vice president; William B. Purdon, treasurer; William Bradley, secretary; Henry Deunk, Arthur Isaac and Herman Zapp, trustees; Barney Boss, sergeant-at-arms.

The officers were installed by Candidate Davis.

John A. Cline said yesterday afternoon he had not yet been visited by the committee appointed by the men who want him to run for mayor, who plan to insist that Mr. Cline give them a definite answer to their request that he become a candidate. He added, however, that several Republicans had seen him individually to urge him to announce himself as a candidate.

The former prosecutor said he did not know whether he would take a direct position when the committee called, "although they have almost persuaded me, against my better judgment, to announce my attitude," he declared.

W. B. Gongwer, clerk of the board of elections, and Maurice Maschke, collector of customs, are to meet with a committee of the Civic league tonight at the rooms of the City club, 244 Superior-av N. E., to discuss election laws.

It is understood the Civic league committee has in mind the advocacy of certain changes in the laws, and that members wish to take them up with Mr. Gongwer and Mr. Maschke, both considered authorities on the

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**WOMEN GIVE \$500  
 TO FURNISH JOBS**

Organizations Pledge Money to Supply 25 With Work for Sixteen Days.

Mayor's Commission to Ask Employers to Increase Their Forces.

**ONE WAY YOU MAY AID**

*If you need a man or a woman, skilled or no, for an hour, a day or a week, telephone Main 4600 and ask for the State-City Free Employment bureau. The bureau will fill your order at once.*

*If you are destitute and out of work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st, and file an application blank. The bureau, with the support of industries and private citizens, will endeavor to get you a situation.*

Sewing machines will whir in the women's workroom at city hall today and twenty-five women will be kept busy sewing for at least sixteen days as the result of the \$500 pledge in the give-a-job campaign by representatives of five women's organizations yesterday afternoon.

This was only one of many developments yesterday in the movement to give work to the needy unemployed. **Send Personal Letters.**

Following a meeting of a special committee of the mayor's employment commission held in The Hollenden yesterday morning personal letters from the committee will go this morning to 1,600 Cleveland employers asking them to increase their forces. Other developments included:

Steps taken to organize 600 church members and others who have volunteered to aid the em-

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 TO FURNISH JOBS**

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ployment commission by canvassing for jobs from house to house.

Another house to house canvass, intended especially for women, was announced by the Woman's Suffrage association and the Y. W. C. A.

Discussion of plans among building material men to stimulate building by asking dealers

to make uniform reductions in prices. This would result in greater bank loans as well as a great increase in number of men working.

Orders were given for printing thousands of posters calling on the public to "make jobs." The posters tomorrow will be placed by boy scouts in all street cars and in shop windows.

The federal immigration office gave jobs to nine farm hands as the first step of the opening of the employment branch of the national government here. Word from Washington received yesterday said the entire system is expected to be in operation within two weeks.

Attention was called to certain persons who are fraudulently taking advantage of the give-a-job campaign by collecting funds

and by using false pretenses to sell postcards. The employment commission announces that all persons authorized to act for it will have proper credentials.

The State-City Free Employment bureau yesterday gave jobs to 444 unemployed and needy men and women. Four telephones at the bureau were in use almost continuously yesterday while householders and others were sending in calls for workers.

The arrangements to open the women's workroom in the city hall today and the subscribing of \$500 for this purpose was accomplished by representatives of five women's organi-

zations at Goodrich house late yesterday afternoon.

The Junior league, the Consumers' league, the Council of Jewish Women and the Woman's Suffrage party each will furnish \$100 to finance the operation of the workroom for a period of at least four weeks. The Woman's Association of Commerce will make an initial contribution of \$25.

A half dozen other women's organizations not included in the Federation of Women's Clubs will be asked to join in the work and it is expected that the workroom can be maintained as long as the circumstances require.

The committee in charge of conducting the workroom includes Miss Prudence Sherwin, temporary chairman; Mrs. M. A. Black, Miss Florence Ball, Miss Mary Rathbun, Miss Mildred Chadsey, Miss Caroline Coit, Mrs. Benjamin Lowenstein and Mrs. M. Feder.

The Joseph & Feiss Co., garment manufacturers, have donated the services of Miss Estelle Slivka to act as foreman of the workroom. Sewing machines, thimbles, thread and materials have been offered free. Much work also will be given to women to do in their own homes.

The city hall workroom will operate in conjunction with the work room of the Federation of Women's Clubs now maintained at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Grace Drake was appointed chairman of a committee to have charge of the registration of volunteer canvassers. The Council of Jewish Women has volunteered to

send a committee to assist in the registration of applicants for work.

At the meeting of the employment commission's committee on canvassing employers of labor held in The Hollenden at noon, F. H. Goff acted as chairman. Others present were M. A. Black, A. T. Burns, W. D. Sayle, W. H. Cottingham, A. E. Hyre and T. C. Wellsted.

In addition to authorizing the sending of 1,600 personal letters to large employers of labor today, the committee decided to invite members of the industrial committees of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry and the Builders' exchange to a luncheon of the commission Wednesday noon in The Hollenden assembly room.

The committee favored the action of the Cleveland Hardware Co., as previously presented by its president, Charles E. Adams, in arranging to take care of all former employees who required assistance until they can be put back to work. This plan of giving loans to employees was characterized as humane, as well as a good business policy.

A general meeting of the employment commission will be held at noon today in the Chamber of Commerce library. Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Service Tom L. Sidlo will be present. Reports of all committees will be heard. The work fund started by contributions of \$10,000 from Samuel Mather and \$1,000 from Mr. Goff will be increased to at least \$50,000, it is expected.

Another report will be presented by the house to house canvass and neighborhood work committee, which held a meeting at 11 a. m. yesterday. The committee will report it has called a mass meeting of volunteer canvassers for next Monday and that the work of canvassing will be completed four days after it is started. Six hundred persons already have volunteered for the canvass.



## DRAWS PARTY LINE ON CITY'S FINANCE

Council Aligns Politically on  
1915 Appropriation Or-  
dinance.

Expenditure of \$9,125,312.51  
is Voted Over Minority  
Protest.

Party lines were drawn by the city council last night in a vote on the appropriation ordinance for 1915. Following an attack by minority members on the policy of increasing the city's operating deficit the council by a vote of twenty yeas and five nays passed the ordinance which carries authority to expend \$9,125,312.51 in the operation of all city departments in 1915 and necessitates the borrowing of \$1,055,000.

Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald, minority leader, attempted to have the ordinance re-referred to committees, asserting the question of the council's legal right to pass the ordinance at last night's meeting had been raised. In addition he stated he wished the committees to consider further the Chamber of Commerce plan of reducing each item in the appropriation ordinance 3.37 per cent. in order to keep the operating deficit at last year's level of \$765,000.

The previously announced debt of \$1,040,000 was increased by council as the result of an afterthought in caucus late yesterday afternoon. It was decided to add \$15,000 to the amount of the certificates of indebtedness to permit the appointment of an expert accountant who will conduct a continuous audit as provided in the city charter.

A fight to have the \$10,535 appropriation for the municipal orchestra transferred to the police department appropriation was headed by Councilman J. E. Smith.

"This money should be used to increase the police force," he said. "The city ought not to buy luxuries when necessities are needed."

Mr. Smith and the five minority members of council present voted for the transfer, the vote on the motion being nineteen against the transfer and six for it.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell said that in his judgment the ordinance could be passed without further delay.

"I believe it is poor business policy to increase the city's deficit for current expenses," said Councilman Alex Bernstein.

Those who voted against the ordinance are Councilmen Dittrick, Fitzgerald, Bernstein, Gahn and Townes. Councilman W. B. Woods was not present. Among the salary increases authorized by the ordinance are a \$500 raise for W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, and a \$500 raise for Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk of the municipal courts. Mayor Newton D.

Baker signed the appropriation ordinance immediately after its passage. It was passed as an emergency measure.

The council committee on parks reported it is not advisable to invite the international Olympic games commission to have the 1916 contests in Cleveland until it is certain these games will not take place in Berlin as scheduled. It was further recommended that as soon as a definite announcement is made Cleveland extend this invitation through a commission of five citizens to be named by the mayor.

A remonstrance against changing the location of the upper Kingsbury Run park was received by council. The Cleveland & Youngstown railroad is about to turn over a tract to the city which is in a different location from that originally described.

A special committee of three was appointed to prepare legislation regulating the operation of loan agencies. Councilman E. A. Meyers is chair-

man of the committee.

Council committee on street railways reported adversely on the Gahn resolution requiring switchmen to be located at the Quincy and Central crossings of the Pennsylvania railroad Street Railroad Commissioner Peter Witt explained to the council that all derailers had been taken off by the railroad company a year ago.

Mayor Baker vetoed the Gahn ordinance regulating the use and storage of celluloid. In the mayor's opinion the ordinance is too broad.

Ordinances were introduced authorizing the expenditure of \$675,000 for sewer and paving purposes.

Councilman William Tack offered a resolution suggesting that directions for meter reading be placed on lighting bills sent out to consumers.

The state board of health was asked to investigate the condition of Burke brook with a view to ordering the issue of bonds for sewer purposes.

## MAKE PLANS TO SPEND \$50,000 TO AID JOBLESS

Relief Board Also Will Map  
Districts for Work of Volun-  
teer Canvassers

A committee of which Samuel Mather is chairman met at 11 o'clock Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce to outline plans for spending the \$50,000 fund to be raised to furnish work for at least a part of the unemployed. The committee held its meeting behind closed doors, but was to report at a general meeting of the committee of 37 at the noon luncheon.

A tentative plan was outlined. Of the \$50,000 needed, Mather has contributed \$10,000 and F. H. Goff \$1,000. Definite plans to raise the balance will be made within a day or two.

Letters sent to 16,000 Clevelanders asking that they find at least one day's work for a man or woman will be followed by a personal canvass to be made by 1,000 volunteer workers. Tuesday the districts will be determined. Wednesday the Boy Scouts will begin distribution of thousands of posters calling upon Clevelanders to find work for some one.

### Coupons Help Many to Jobs

General use of The Leader-News coupon is obtaining work for hundreds, according to W. F. Hennessy, head of the state-city free employment bureau.

Plans to double the city's contribution toward relieving the unemployed situation, laid by Water Commissioner Schulz, were dependent Tuesday on the city's ability to procure more teams for use on the excavation for the new Fairmount reservoir, Baldwin road and Fairmount boulevard.

Already 360 men have been put to work in five-hour shifts at 25 cents an hour. As many more will be hired from the city-state free employment bureau if the teams can be hired. The rain Monday and

Tuesday made the clay sticky and threatened to hinder operations.

If Councilman Stolte can win over Finance Director Coughlin, the men will be paid weekly instead of twice a month, as is the city's custom. The payroll for the job now totals \$2,750 a week for labor, exclusive of team hire.

### No More to City Farms

No more single men will be taken to Waresville to work on the new 20 inch water main being laid across the farm. Charities Commissioner Vining announced. The workhouse

The old outdoor relief headquarters in City Hall was being fitted up Tuesday as an auxiliary sewing room to furnish employment for destitute women. Names of 25 women were forwarded from the city-state bureau.

Superintendent Hennessy of the city-state bureau Tuesday reported that for the week ending Tuesday, applications had been received from 5,877 men. Of these 1,112 were single, 2,385 had two or fewer dependents, and 2,380 three or more dependents. Of these 553 were placed, 350 on city work. Only 35 of the 5,877 owned their own homes, and 17 had bank accounts.

City-state officials Tuesday found work for 45 women and a similar number of men.

## CITY TO ISSUE FIRST OF NEW NOTES MAY 1

First issue of short-time emergency notes, forced by council's action Monday night in approving 1915 expenditures totaling \$9,125,312, will be made about May 1, Finance Director Coughlin estimated Thursday. The 1914 deficit of \$765,000 is increased to \$1,055,000 by the 1915 appropriation.

The 1914 emergency note issue of \$765,000 falls due April 1. Coughlin predicted Tuesday interest on the notes will be a trifle over 3 per cent, as compared with the 6 per cent rate on those outstanding.

Expenditures to be paid out of tax money this year total \$5,622,950. Sources of revenue are: utilities including park stands, markets and bath houses, \$3,502,352; from general fund, liquor tax, licenses and miscellaneous taxes, \$4,567,960. The total income is \$8,070,312.

Attempts to abolish the municipal orchestra were quashed after Mayor Baker had cracked the whip in caucus.



## OVER \$9,000,000 SET ASIDE FOR CITY EXPENSES

It will cost \$9,125,312 to operate all branches of the city government in 1915.

This sum was voted by council Monday night in passing the 1915 appropriation ordinance. The 20 democratic members voted for the measure and the five republican members present against it. Woods, republican, was absent.

Passage of the ordinance means the city must borrow \$1,055,000, of which \$765,000 will be applied on a deficit for 1914 and the remainder on the anticipated deficit of 1915.

The ordinance was amended to provide \$15,000 for a constant audit of city accounts.

### Bureau is Skipped.

An appropriation of \$4875 asked for the vocational guidance bureau was not voted upon.

The debate on the ordinance was short. Councilman Smith, democrat, tried to have passed an amendment transferring the \$10,575 appropriation for the muni orchestra to the police fund. Only the five republicans voted with him.

Councilman FitzGerald moved to have the ordinance re-referred to committee, claiming it had not been read three times after being completely printed, and therefore it might be illegal. Only the republicans voted to refer.

### Expense Increases.

The greatest increase in operating expenses of the government for the year is in the welfare department, due to doubling of City hospital capacity and extensions at Warrensville.

The sources from which the funds are derived are approximated as follows: General fund, liquor taxes, miscellaneous sources, \$4,567,960; public utilities and other enterprises, such as park stands, markets, etc., \$3,502,352; total revenue, \$8,070,312; amount appropriated, \$9,125,312.

## WORKHOUSE CROWDED

Charities Commissioner Vining told Mayor Baker Tuesday that Warrensville workhouse, with a normal capacity of 400 men and women, now has 800 inmates.

He said the capacity was doubled when 125 prisoners were received Monday.

Baker said he had no remedial suggestions.

## What Council Did Monday Night

Business transacted by council Monday night:

Passed 1915 appropriation ordinance.

Voted to investigate possibility of obtaining Olympic games in 1916.

Voted for committee report on legislation to regulate loan agents.

Deferred action on purchase of North Randall car line for \$146,000, approved late Monday by railway committee.

Directed water commissioner to report on cost of extending high pressure mains from E. Ninth-st to E. 55th-st.

Directed safer to report on cost of fire station near Lexington-av and E. 71st-st.

Voted to ask state health board to investigate Burke brook, an open ditch, and to enforce sanitary measures.

Received report of Server Sidlo recommending that city pay half the cost of opening a new street between W. 39th-st and Fulton-rd and Denison-av and Archwood-av.

Received mayor's veto of ordinance barring factories making celluloid products from within 100 feet of a residence.

Voted \$33,000 for W. 58th-st sewage disposal system.

Voted \$55,000 for E. 93d-st sewer and \$100,000 for Dugway brook sewer.

Received ordinances providing \$325,000 for city's share of paving, and \$350,000 for city's share of sewers, both to be constructed in 1915.

Passed resolution requiring gas and electric companies to place facsimile of meter dials and instructions for reading same on all bills.

## Pleads Emergency for Overtime Work

"Extraordinary emergency" is the defense of Otto Strangy, superintendent of the John F. Casey Co., constructing the city filtration plant, who faces a charge in Muni Judge Beebe's court of violation of the eight-hour labor clause of the city charter.

W. C. Boyle, attorney for Strangy, argued Tuesday that the impure city water makes completion of the filtration plant an extraordinary emergency, in which case the charter provides men on city jobs may be worked more than eight hours.

City Law Director Stockwell and Police Prosecutor Silbert, prosecuting the case, argued "extraordinary emergency" applies to a specific condition arising during the building. This case is the city's first prosecution under the charter labor clause.

The complaining witness is Thomas J. Dolan, president of carpenters local No. 11.

mitted by youths between eighteen and twenty-eight. The welfare council immediately named a subcommittee, which suggested many plans of interesting young men in uplifting pursuits.

"The problem of the unemployed is more pressing now than the boy problem," Winans said.

## CAR LINE PURCHASE IS HELD UP BY COUNCIL

Democratic councilmen decided not to present Monday night a resolution authorizing purchase of the North Randall car line, although the street railway committee voted to recommend purchase of the line.

Councilman Townes, republican, and Councilman Kalina, democrat, were ready to fight the ordinance on the ground that other needed lines should be authorized first. The measure will go over for a week.

## LOAN LAW MAKERS TO HEAR AGENTS' VICTIMS

Loan agent victims will be invited to appear Jan. 19 at the first session of a council committee named Monday night to plan muni legislation to regulate agencies that make short-time loans.

Councilman Meyers, committee chairman, called the meeting Tuesday.

"The state law is inadequate," Meyers said. "Close city inspection and license fees will wipe out companies now thriving on questionable practices."

## CALLS BROOK MENACE

Council President Thompson is backing a move to have the state board of health declare Burke brook, which extends from Broadway westerly to the Cuyahoga river, a health menace.

"City storm water as well as refuse pours into the ditch," Thompson said Tuesday, "and it should be inclosed. It will cost \$150,000 and will be a boon to hundreds of families. The state board has power to order the improvement."



# U. S. WIDENS PLAN OF ACTIVITY HERE IN HUNT FOR JOBS

Government Seeks Work for  
Men in Factories and on  
Railroads as Well as  
on Farms.

Immigration Officials Get Au-  
thority From Washing-  
ton to Broaden  
Scope.

CLEVELAND COMMITTEE  
WANTS \$100,000 FUND

Mayor Estimates This Sum  
Could be Spent to Pro-  
vide Labor.

## ONE WAY YOU MAY AID

If you need a man or a woman,  
skilled or no, for an hour, a day or  
a week, telephone Main 4600 and  
ask for the State-City Free Employ-  
ment bureau. The bureau will fill  
your order at once.

If you are destitute and out of  
work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-  
av N. E. and E. 3d-st, and file an  
application blank. The bureau, with  
the support of industries and private  
citizens, will endeavor to get you a  
situation.

The federal government became a  
factor yesterday in Cleveland's give-  
a-job movement when immigration  
officials here received authority from  
Washington to care for railroad, fac-  
tory and industrial plant workers as  
well as farm laborers. A score of  
other cities share with Cleveland in  
the new government work.

Orders for this extension of gov-  
ernment work calculated to aid mate-  
rially the mayor's commission to give  
work instead of charity to unem-  
ployed were received in an official  
communication from T. B. Powderly,  
chief of the division of information,  
department of labor, Washington.  
The order came to Cameron Miller,  
inspector in charge of the Cleveland  
immigration office.

### Park Work Available.

At the meeting of the employment  
commission in the Chamber of Com-  
merce yesterday noon Mayor Newton  
D. Baker assured members of the  
commission that if that body raises  
the money necessary, the city imme-  
diately can put unemployed men to  
work on park improvements and  
other projects which will be absolute-  
ly necessary in the course of time.

Mayor Baker estimated that \$100-  
000 could be spent profitably giving  
men labor on permanent work that  
will beautify the city and be economi-  
cally sound.

Among such projects are the con-  
version of Kingsbury run from an  
eyesore into a park that will serve at  
least 50,000 persons; improvements  
along the lake front near the site of  
the new union station; grading and  
laying out of streets in the city's big

allotment property on Union-av S. E.,  
and immense works in Edgewater  
park.

The commission voted it would set  
the amount of the sum to be raised at  
\$100,000. Of this \$11,000 has been  
contributed thus far. It also was de-  
cided the best way of raising this  
fund should be considered at a meet-  
ing of the commission this noon in the  
assembly room of The Hollenden. At  
this meeting the industrial commit-  
tees of the Chamber of Commerce, the  
Chamber of Industry and the Builders  
Exchange will be present.

### House-to-House Canvass Talked.

There was considerable discussion  
as to the advisability of undertaking  
to raise the work fund at the same  
time the house-to-house canvass for  
jobs is being conducted. This prob-  
ably will be definitely decided today.  
All the members agreed that the fund  
raising, however, should proceed as  
soon as possible.

"It is a flesh and blood proposition,"  
said Rev. M. O. Simons, pastor of  
First Unitarian church.

Another proposal discussed which

probably will be acted upon this noon  
is based on a plan to have employed  
persons and business and professional  
men contribute a day's wages or a  
fraction of a day's wages to the work  
fund. This plan was proposed by  
Samuel Halle, president of Halle  
Bros. Co., who pointed out that it  
could be made fair.

### Favors Donation Day.

"This method would make a direct  
appeal to all persons enjoying their  
regular incomes," said Mr. Halle.  
"Feeling grateful at their own com-  
parative well being, they should join  
in contributing a share of their wages  
to help out the men and women who  
are out of work through no fault of  
theirs."

"A donation day should be set.  
Employers should distribute slips  
among their workers. Each might be  
asked to give a full day's wage. In  
some cases where employees could not  
afford to do this a fraction of the  
wage might be given. There would  
be no compulsion. Those who are  
not receiving wages could give an  
estimated share of their day's income.  
The sharing principle would extend  
not only to the workers but to the  
capitalist and others."

Mr. Halle said the plan should ap-  
peal to the more fortunate persons,  
but undoubtedly individual cases ex-  
ist in which persons following their  
regular work could not be expected to  
contribute.

Thomas Farrell, secretary of the  
Cleveland Federation of Labor, said  
that to make the plan fair there  
would have to be no compulsion by  
employers, and that the matter of  
contributing should be left to the in-  
dividual employee, who would base his  
decision upon his own circumstances.  
Mayor Baker, favoring the principle  
of the plan, said:

"In justice, the city ought to be  
able to levy a tax to take care of this  
situation. An income-tax would be  
equitable and perfectly legal and  
would place the responsibility where  
it belongs. The giving of a day's  
wages simply would be a form of in-  
come tax based on voluntary action."

Chairman F. H. Goff appointed  
Charles Eisenman vice chairman of  
the work fund committee to act in  
the absence of Samuel Mather, who  
is out of the city. Mr. Goff suggested  
that the fund to be used in paying for  
labor on permanent city improve-  
ments might be regarded as a moral  
loan by the city government and be  
revived if the same situation arises  
in the future. Mayor Baker said this  
plan would be legally impracticable,  
but the integrity of the fund would be  
maintained by proper supervision of  
the use to which it is put.

Mr. Goff announced he had added  
these members to the committee on  
raising an emergency loan fund by  
Cleveland banks: F. W. Wardwell,  
president of the Cleveland National

bank; J. A. House, vice president of  
the Guardian Savings & Trust Co.;  
G. A. Coulton, president of the Union  
National bank, and F. W. Stecher,  
president of the Pompeian Manufac-  
turing Co.

E. B. Greene, vice president of the  
Cleveland Trust Co., was made chair-  
man of the committee.

Mr. Goff read a letter showing the  
Hebrew Beneficial Association of  
Cleveland, which operates a loan fund  
on the plan of the proposed bank  
loan fund, last year made loans of  
\$40,000 with practically no losses.

"These plans would have been  
called socialism one year ago, prob-  
ably, and five years ago, certainly,"  
said Mr. Goff. "But the present is  
no time for philosophy."

The woman's work room will be  
opened on the first floor of the city  
hall today. Miss Myrta Jones, chair-  
man of the committee in charge, re-  
ported. She said \$425 had been raised  
to start this work with many wom-  
en's organizations still to join in the  
work.

Miss Jones asked advice of the com-  
mission as to wages to be paid women  
for sewing. She said it had been sug-  
gested to pay workers \$1 each for  
the short work day. Paul Feiss ad-  
vised that payment be made by the  
hour, either at 20 or 25 cents.

Miss Genevieve Cline, president of  
the Federation of Women's Clubs,  
which has a workroom in operation at  
the Y. W. C. A., said that 20 and 25  
cents an hour is being paid there.  
The matter of payment was referred  
to the subcommittee for decision and  
Miss Belle Sherwin was made treas-  
urer of the work room fund.

A meeting of the house-to-house  
canvass committee is to be held at 11  
a. m. today to arrange for the mass  
meeting of persons who have volun-  
teered to canvass for jobs. The mass  
meeting is to be held Monday at 4  
p. m. in Chamber of Commerce audi-  
torium. The Grade Teachers' club  
and the Woman's Civic association  
have been asked to join the group of  
other organizations enlisted for this  
work.

Plans for canvassing large em-  
ployers of labor also will go forward  
today. Walter D. Sayle, president of  
the Cleveland Punch & Shear Co.,  
yesterday promised to make a can-  
vass of employers in the vicinity of  
his company's factory. This letter  
has been sent to 1,600 employers:

Over 5,000 unemployed men have re-  
gistered as destitute in the past five days at  
the State-City Free Employment exchange.  
Of these 3,600 state they have others de-  
pendent on them, are without resources, are  
willing to work at anything, on especially  
created work at any price, at regular work  
for the usual wages paid.

The registration continues at the rate of  
1,000 a day.

What can you do to relieve these desti-  
tute by giving work rather than letting  
them become dependent on charity? To give  
work saves self-respect and possible pauper-  
ization.

We appeal to you as a representative em-  
ployer to find work, give a job to as many  
as possible. Will you not do this even at  
some cost? Some employers are caring for  
their entire normal force by creating jobs  
or by loans.

Can you devise work along any of the fol-  
lowing lines?

Repairing, cleaning, whitewashing and  
painting of plant. Installing machinery  
necessary for work when rush orders come.  
Grading of unused land. Shorter hours,  
fewer days and more employees. Making  
stock ahead of orders.

After racking your brain to invent jobs,  
please fill out enclosed card and return to  
the Committee to Canvass Employers, care  
of Chamber of Commerce. It will be turned

over to the State-City bureau.

The letter is signed by Charles E.  
Adams, chairman; W. H. Cottingham,  
W. D. Sayle, A. E. Hyre and T. C.  
Wellsted.

The State-City Free Employment  
bureau yesterday reported it had  
placed 213 persons in positions. Fifty-  
five women were given work. New  
applicants for work included 1,014  
men and 155 women. Since registra-  
tion of unemployed began Wednes-  
day 11,970 have asked work and 1,586  
have been given employment, accord-  
ing to W. F. Hennessy, superintend-  
ent of the bureau.

The work of the employment branch  
of the immigration office here pro-  
vides that distribution officers are  
given authority to act to the end that  
applications for help may be received  
from railroads and industrial estab-  
lishments. Heretofore, such applica-  
tions could be received only for farm  
labor.

Thus far the Cleveland federal of-  
fice has received approximately 350  
applications for employment, but, be-  
cause the field has been limited to  
farmlabor, has been able to care for  
only thirteen.

Pay for men employed, it was said  
yesterday, averages between \$15 and  
\$25 a month. This is in addition to  
room, board and washing.

Most employers have expressed  
willingness to pay railroad fare for  
men they hire, but in all but one  
case the applicant has had sufficient  
funds to meet the expense.

An encouraging sign of the antici-  
pated boom in the building trades  
which is counted on to result from  
the give-a-job campaign came last  
night when the state-city free em-  
ployment bureau learned that several  
hundred additional workmen will be  
hired today by contractors at the new  
Collinwood factory of the Willard  
Storage Battery Co., Marquette-av  
N. E.

Two hundred men have been work-  
ing on this contract which is ex-  
pected to be finished next November.

Because of the recent \$40,000 fire at  
the Marquette-av N. E. plant orders  
were given to rush to completion one  
of the new buildings. To do this a  
tent has been placed over the build-  
ing site.

Five hundred men are expected to  
be at work on the building by to-  
night. The building will be completed  
by Feb. 1 according to the contrac-  
tors, the Gaylord W. Feaga Co., 10427  
St. Clair-av N. E. One hundred and  
fifty car loads of material will be  
utilized.

## HOWLAND TO LEAD TIPPECANOE CLUB

Former Congressman Will be  
Made President of Repub-  
lican Organization.

Councilman W. J. Horrigan's  
Name Added to May-  
oralty Lists.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Paul Howland, former congress-  
man, will be president of the Tippe-  
canoe club, influential Republican or-  
ganization, for 1915.

At a meeting of the club's nomi-  
nating committee yesterday after-  
noon officers were named for the an-  
nual election to be held Jan. 19.  
Members will vote by ballot from 4 to  
8 p. m. on that date, at the club head-  
quarters in the Engineers building.

At the committee's session yester-  
day Mr. Howland was nominated for  
president, and will have no opposition.  
He will succeed Don R. Sipe.

These men were nominated for the  
board of directors, fifteen to be elect-  
ed, the first fourteen being present di-  
rectors:

John A. Alburn, W. H. Boyd, Rev.  
Dr. Dan F. Bradley, Senator Theo-  
dore E. Burton, James H. Cassidy,  
William R. Coates, Councilman W. S.  
FitzGerald, E. C. Forbes, ex-Ambas-  
sador Myron T. Herrick, Frank D.  
Matz, Henry Horne, Don R. Sipe, F.  
W. Watson, James Wood, Council-  
man W. B. Woods, Floyd Waite, Wil-  
bur Hyde, John Jaster, Thomas H.  
Monks, Monroe Curtis, F. A. Henry,  
E. M. Fullington.

For sergeant-at-arms, E. Robeck  
and Fred Donberg were nominated.  
Herman Klau and James Walker  
were nominated for commander.

The board of directors will choose  
two vice presidents and a secretary  
following its election and organiza-  
tion.

It was announced definitely yester-  
day that the club's McKinley day  
banquet, set for Feb. 6, will be held  
at Hotel Statler. Invitations and  
tickets are in the hands of printers.  
A toastmaster has not yet been se-  
lected. If there were but one candi-  
date of Republican extraction for  
mayor he would be chosen, but with  
two candidates in the field and others  
in receptive moods, the plan of hav-  
ing a mayoralty candidate for toast-  
master may be abandoned.

### Mayors and rumors of mayors.

A new name yesterday was added  
to the list of possible entries for the  
mayoralty race.

It developed that Councilman Wil-  
liam J. Horrigan of ward 8, Demo-  
crat, has been urged by friends to  
consider the question of being a can-  
didate. Democrats not only of his  
own ward, but of wards 3 and 4 have  
been talking it, Mr. Horrigan said.

"Someone said there were petitions  
out in my name," added the council-  
man. "If there are I didn't have any-  
thing to do with putting them in cir-  
culation."

It was related further yesterday  
afternoon that a number of Demo-

crats in East End wards have sug-  
gested the name of Councilman Hor-  
rigan.

W. B. Gongwer, clerk of the board  
of elections, and Collector of Customs  
Maurice Maschke met by invitation  
last night with the election commit-  
tee of the Civic league in the rooms of  
the City club, 244 Superior-av N. E.



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to discuss changes of election the league committee is consid with a view to drafting bills for mission to the legislature.

Of the committee, there were present H. M. Roberts, Prof. F. W. Dick-ey, Lamar Beman, Assistant County Prosecutor J. W. Woods, Hugo Varga, John A. Alburn, Delo E. Mook, Wil-lam Agnew and Secretary Mayo Pes-ler of the league.

One topic considered was the advis-ability of adopting the Massachu-setts ballot for state, county and dis-trict elections. Under this system, the names of candidates for all of-fices are included on one ballot with the party designation following the name of each candidate.

Changing the date of the primaries from August to September was dis-cussed. Another subject brought up was the possibility of altering peti-tion requirements so a party might nominate a full ticket by circulation of a single petition, and so that the requirement for placing a candidate's name on a primary ballot be a money deposit instead of a petition.

## ASKS PASTORS' AID TO THWART CRIME

Welfare Council Would Have  
Churches Help to Stop  
City Robberies.

Police Head Suggests Train-  
ing on Farms for Way-  
ward Boys.

A crime prevention campaign con-ducted by close co-operation of the police department, churches, schools and welfare agencies of Cleveland will be ushered in by a crime prevention Sunday in all the churches, if a plan outlined yesterday by Secretary W. H. Winans of the special committee of the Welfare council, and C. W. Wil-iams, member of the same commit-tee, is indorsed by the Welfare coun-cil.

Material gathered by the special committee in a recent interview with Chief of Police W. S. Rowe will be furnished ministers who desire to co-operate in the movement. The committee may also suggest that Chief Rowe and other police officials deliver addresses on the Sunday desig-nated in pulpits or before church or welfare societies.

Mr. Winans said if the plan re-ceive the indorsement of the Welfare council and of the church and welfare organizations indirectly affiliated, steps will be taken to furnish min-isters with statistics given the com-mittee by Chief Rowe.

Chief Rowe contends the crime wave is not the result of activities by old time offenders, but that crowds of young men entirely unknown to the police, are committing the robberies.

In his opinion loafing after school age has had this effect on boys in congested districts and it is his sug-gestion that the boys be given indus-trial or farm training. Chief Rowe believes welfare agencies should as-sist in solving the problem by fur-nishing wholesome amusement for these boys after working hours.

The special Welfare council com-mittee, following an interview with Chief Rowe, prepared a report con-taining suggestions. One of these was that school extension work either through a municipal university or a branch of the state university, might supply the industrial or farm training need.

Mayor Baker is strongly in favor of a municipal university and the city council some time ago authorized the appointment of a citizens com-mittee to study the problem. This committee has not yet submitted a report.

## DISAGREE ON BLAST CAUSE

Council Members May Make  
Two Reports.

Nitroglycerin or some other high explosive caused the wreck of the Madison-av N. W. building, says M. B. Daly, president of the East Ohio Gas Co., in a report to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

The same opinion is held by J. E. Votava, member of the special coun-cil committee appointed to investigate several explosions that have occurred recently. Mr. Votava, an employee of the East Ohio Gas Co., said yesterday he would not sign a committee report ascribing the Madison-av explosion to gas.

As Chairman P. V. Kalina of the council committee declared yesterday he was convinced that gas caused the explosion, a majority and minority report may be filed with the council. Chairman Kalina announced his stand yesterday following an inspection of the explosion of the building on E. 91st-st.

Building Commissioner V. D. Allen, Fire Chief George A. Wallace and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo will be asked to attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon in the city clerk's office.

## DONATION DAY TO AID JOBLESS HIT BY UNION LEADER

Farrell Opposes Plan to Have  
Workers Contribute to  
\$100,000 Fund.

## BOARD DIFFERS ON METHOD

Suggestion Made That Employ-  
ers Give One Day's Profits;  
City Work Outlined.

Widely differing opinions were ex-pressed yesterday by members of the mayor's unemployment commission as to the manner of raising and ex-pending a minimum fund of \$100,000, considered necessary to relieve dis-tress due to lack of employment.

Several members of the commission also expressed disapproval of the plan of the subcommittee on women's work to fix \$1 per day as the min-imum wage for women who will be employed to sew.

Mayor Baker, present as a guest of the commission, declared if he had the power he would impose a tax on incomes to raise the fund.

"We ought to levy a tax for it," he said. "If I had the power to levy a tax on incomes, I believe that would be the best way of raising the fund."

Other suggestions for raising the \$100,000 fund were:

Designating a "Donation day," when wage-earners permanently employed may contribute one day's pay toward the fund to re-lieve the unemployed.

Inducing employers and capi-talists to donate one day's income to relief fund.

Securing cash donations from persons who cannot give out work, but are willing to help the relief movement.

Launching an immediate "whirlwind" campaign for volun-tary contributions of any charac-ter.

Enlisting aid of Federation for Charity and Philanthropy in rais-ing the fund.

By combining house-to-house campaign for work with an urg-ent campaign for funds.

### Suggestions for Expenditures.

These suggestions for the expendi-ture of the \$100,000 fund were made:

Immediate employment of a large number of men in convert-ing strip of city-owned land on the lake front, from E. 9th street to V. 3d street, into a lagoon for water sports.

Hiring of several thousand men to clean the streets.

Employment of men to improve tracts purchased by the city for park purposes.

Grading of thirteen acres of rough land in Edgewater Park.

Loaning of money to manufac-turers to pile up a stock of fin-ished products ahead of orders.

### Farrell Opposes Plan.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, at the close of the session of the commission yesterday said he wished to dissent from the opinions of the commission as to the manner of raising the fund and would express his opinion at the

session at noon today.

He declared he would oppose any plan to have wage-earners contribute a day's pay to the fund.

Means of raising and expending the fund will be finally determined by the commission at a luncheon meet-ing at the Hollenden Hotel.

Miss Myrta Jones, chairman of the committee on a workroom for women, reported to the commission yesterday that the workroom will open this morning in the city hall, and will be in charge of an experienced fore-woman. She said \$425 has been raised thus far to support the project and that the committee had tentatively fixed \$1 a day as the minimum wage to be paid workers.

### "Not Enough," Says Miss Cline.

Miss Genevieve Cline, president of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, expressed the opinion that this wage was hardly reasonable, and informed the commission that a workroom operated at the Y. W. C. A. by the federation paid 20 to 25 cents an hour.

The commission voted to leave the matter of pay for women in the hands of the subcommittee. Miss Belle Sherwin is to be treasurer of the women's workroom fund.

In discussing the necessity for an employment fund, Chairman Goff de-clared that it has been estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 would be necessary if the conservatively estimated num-ber of unemployed are to be relieved. Such a fund he declared should be expended only on work which will be of permanent benefit to the city as a whole. He approved the employees' donation day suggestion of Samuel Halle and urged a discussion of it.

### Permanent Fund Opposed.

Mr. Halle declared the creation of such a fund by a voluntary donation day plan would favorably advertise Cleveland throughout the country. The fund, he declared, could be ad-ministered as a free loan fund to aid responsible unemployed men.

Mayor Baker opposed the idea of making the fund permanent except that it should give permanent benefits to the community. He said Director of Public Service Sidlo had outlined means of expending \$100,000 im-me-diately on public work without inter-fering with any regular public im-provements. The city, he said, would furnish competent foremen and tools.

The motion to make an initial ef-fort to raise a \$100,000 fund was car-ried only after a spirited debate, many members of the commission op-posing fixing the amount.

Charles Eisenman, head of the Jewish Charities, in a formal motion, urged that the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy be given the work of raising the fund.

"If they had been performing their natural functions," he said, "they

would have been on the job before this commission got into action."

Later he withdrew his motion.

Further details of the house-to-house canvass for work, to be under-taken by a committee under Allen T. Burns, director of the Cleveland Foundation, will be perfected at a meeting at 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Burns said yesterday that the 1,000 workers to be enrolled would use the voting precincts as units in their work.

Formal announcement of the fed-eral employment agency operated, from the office of Immigration In-spector Fluckey, to be known as the headquarters of zone No. 9 was made in Washington yesterday. The Cleve-land division is part of the system for federal employment agencies now be-ing perfected. The Cleveland office has been in operation several weeks.



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## WOULD RESTORE PARTY TICKETS IN RACE FOR MAYOR

Councilmen Would Cut Field of  
Candidates by Abolition of  
Present Preferential  
System of Voting.

### PLAN SUBMISSION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

Favor Elimination at Primary of  
All Nominees on Petition  
Blanks.

Submission of a charter amendment to abolish preferential voting and to restore party primaries is being considered by city councilmen in order to eliminate the present field of mayoralty candidates and to present regular party nominees at the next municipal election.

The present method of conducting elections allows candidates for mayor to get upon the ballot upon the filing of petitions signed by 2,500 electors. There are no party emblems and first, second and other choices are voted under a preferential system. An amendment to go back to the old system was voted down last August.

There are already three announced candidates for mayor, while a half dozen others are about ready to make definite announcements.

#### Horrigan Hears Bee.

W. J. Horrigan, councilman from the Eighth ward, is the latest to hear the buzzing of the mayoralty bee. Horrigan said yesterday that friends had requested him to become a candidate and that he understood that nomination petitions were being printed. He said that he did not know whether he would be in a position to make a campaign for the office.

Horrigan is serving his second term in the council. He lives at 1793 W. 45th street and is a foreman employed by the J. W. Ellsworth Company.

Early announcements mean that there will be a dozen candidates before the time for filing petitions is closed, councilmen say, and they consider it certain that the person receiving the largest number of third choice votes will be the next mayor of Cleveland, unless candidates are eliminated at a primary.

The plan under consideration is to tie up the submission of the charter amendment with a vote upon several proposed bond issues at a special election.

#### Lost by Small Vote.

It is pointed out that the amendment to abolish the preferential voting only lost by 700 votes when initiated by Socialists, while an amendment submitted by the council to exclude laborers from civil service was decisively carried. Councilmen believe that the amendment would be upheld if resubmitted and an organized effort made to restore primaries.

The approval of the amendment would permit party primaries to be held in August, with the elimination of all but the regular party nominees at that time. Names of candidates nominated for mayor and councilmen would appear under party emblems at the municipal election in November, if the amendment were approved.

Primary elections for judges and clerk of the municipal court must be held in August, unless the municipal court laws are amended at the present session of the General Assembly.

Leader

## RULES AGAINST ISSUING BONDS FOR NEW HALL

Law Director Stockwell Does Not  
Think Convention Building  
Is Classed as Public  
Utility.

Mortgage bonds, which would be a lien only upon the property, cannot be issued for the building of a municipal convention hall until a test suit has determined whether a building of this kind can be considered as a public utility.

Director of Law Stockwell made this ruling yesterday at a meeting of the convention hall committee of council. He said also that Mayor Baker did not favor the issuing of bonds of this type, as he feared litigation, which might involve the credit of the city, would follow. Mortgage bonds can be issued only for public utilities, Stockwell said, and he said that he did not believe a convention hall could be classed as such, even if it were self-sustaining.

The committee considered sites for the proposed building, which has been discussed for a number of years without definite action being taken. City Engineer Hoffmann said that piers would have to be built into the lake as a site for the building, if the hall was erected in the vicinity of E. 9th street. A joint meeting of the council committee and the convention hall committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, January 22.

## COUNCIL SEEKING EXPLOSION CAUSE

Gas Officials to Testify at Investigation of Apartment House  
Disaster.

Officials of the East Ohio Gas Company have been asked to appear before a special committee of the city council tomorrow when it resumes investigation of the killing of eleven persons in an explosion in an apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue a month ago.

There is no evidence to show that an explosion of natural gas caused the disaster. M. B. Daly, president of the East Ohio Gas Company, said in a communication to Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. On the contrary indications pointed toward nitroglycerin or other high explosive as being responsible, Daly said. He pointed out that the walls of the basement were intact while the upper stories of the building were completely wrecked and said that a gas explosion in the basement would have shattered the walls.

The committee yesterday inspected the scene of an explosion at 3761 E. 91st street.

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## GRANTS CITY HALL WORKMEN'S DEMAND

Two hundred and fifty men affiliated with the building trades unions will be withdrawn from the work on the new city hall within ten days if sanitary conditions are not improved. The Building Trades Council reached this decision yesterday. Complaints were made by the workmen.

Notice was served on the George A. Fuller Construction Company that improvements must be made within ten days or the men will be withdrawn. Immediate remedial action was promised by the contracting firm.



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# GOFF STARTS OUT TO RAISE BIG JOB FUND

Head of Employment Committee Says  
Time for Planning is Past and That  
What is Needed Now is Work.

Not charity—work.

To give work, money is needed.

To get the money needed, Cleveland men and women, both the wealthy and the moderately well-to-do, must go down in their pockets and contribute.

To furnish the work that thousands of men and women in Cleveland lack, contributions must be made—NOW.

In this way Fred H. Goff, chairman of Mayor Baker's employment committee, Wednesday plunged into the problem of relieving Cleveland's unemployed.

Goff spent most of the morning going over the ground.

He wasn't satisfied to sit in his office at the Cleveland Trust Co. and give the employment problem a dab of thought between regular duties.

Goes Among Jobless.

Instead, he got out among the men that need the work.

Noon found him mingling with the hundreds of men who were applying for work at the state-city employment bureau.

"This is an immediate problem," said Goff after he had looked the crowd over.

"There should be no further planning. Some of these men and their families may starve to death unless we get down to brass tacks and give them work.

"Remember, not a man who has

applied here for work today asked a cent of charity. All asked for only work—just an opportunity to earn the money that will prevent them and their dependents from becoming charity charges.

"It's Up to Cleveland."

"That means it's up to Cleveland to get busy, quit talking, stop planning and give these men the work they need.

"I won't go into the question as to what might be the best means of supplying work for the unemployed. I am concerned only with what is the quickest way.

"The quickest way is for Clevelanders to contribute a fund of say \$100,000, or whatever figure proves to be necessary. This fund should be used for some public improvement that requires the minimum of machine work.

"There ought not to be too much talk as to just what improvement is to be made.

"Now" is the Motto.

"Let's keep in mind that the problem faces the city now. Let's make the word 'NOW' our motto."

Goff said he is sure the money can be raised quickly. All that is needed, he said, is that Clevelanders who have money and work should realize that their

are suffering.

"I would accept money both from the employer and the employee," he said. "We should play no favorite. The rich man must be made to understand the present crisis is his, and the day worker must be made to understand it is his also.

"Let the rich man write a check. Let the man of smaller means contribute a day's wages."

To Act at Once.

And then Goff, who himself has contributed \$1000 to the proposed fund, started for the noonday meeting of Mayor Baker's committee at the Hollenden.

"We are going to come to conclusions today," he said.

The committee will decide whether it itself will have charge of raising the fund or whether raising of the fund will be turned over to the federation of charity and philanthropy.

By acting quickly Goff hopes to prevent Cleveland becoming flooded with unemployed from other cities.

Over 12,000 Clevelanders are now registered at the free city-state employment bureau as out of work.

The house-to-house canvass committee met Wednesday morning and perfected plans for locating temporary jobs. Volunteers will ask householders to employ a man or woman to do cleaning, repairing or sewing. Neighbors will be asked to form clubs to hire a man for general work about their houses during the winter.

Other activities Wednesday in the campaign to reduce the number of unemployed follow:

Employment Commissioner Hennessy announced that the number who have been given jobs since The Press started its campaign 20 days ago is 1618.

Need More Teams.

Hennessy said the waterworks department is having trouble getting enough teams for the excavation at the new Fairmount reservoir, where 360 men are at work. The water works department may issue a call for more teams and increase the numbers of workers to over 1000, Hennessy said.

Cameron Miller, head of the local employment bureau of the United States immigration department, issued a statement asking northern Ohio farmers, who can use help, to send their names to him. He says he can supply any number of workers.

A workroom where 25 women daily are to be given sewing was opened in city hall under auspices of women's organizations. Twenty-two women were placed at work Wednesday. The present wage is \$1 a day, but this may be increased.

Sherwin-Williams Co., paint manufacturers, announced it will care for all former employes who apply to the free employment bureau for aid. This plan already has been adopted by the Cleveland Hardware Co.

## TO LAY CORNERSTONE OF E. 9TH-ST DOCKS

Pictures of Mayor Baker, his secretary, Milton Young, City Engineer Hoffman, Server Tom Sidlo and assistant city engineer E. B. Thomas Wednesday were to be placed in the corner stone of the new D. & C. and C. & B. docks at E. Ninth-st.

Officials of the boat companies and city officials were to assist in laying the cornerstone. It is not expected that the docks will be completed in time for use during the coming season.



## LACK OF TEAMS HOLDS UP JOBS FOR HUNDREDS

City Needs 300 Horses at  
New Reservoir Before Tak-  
ing More Men

### 37 COMMITTEE MEETS TO PLAN FUND RAISING

Hennessy Would Stop Regis-  
tering Until Work Is Found  
for Present Applicants

Mayor Baker's jobless com-  
mission met at noon in the Hol-  
lenden hotel to decide on ways  
of raising additional money for  
the fund to be used for the re-  
lief of men and women out of  
work.

Considerable discussion was ex-  
pected over the plan broached late  
Tuesday to have all workers in the  
city who are steadily employed give  
one day's salary to the fund. Ob-  
jection to the plan was expected to  
come from Thomas Farrell, secre-  
tary of the Cleveland Federation of  
Labor.

Whether 360 more destitute un-  
employed men will be given work at  
the new Fairmount reservoir, Bald-  
win road and Fairmount boulevard,  
depended entirely on Cleveland team  
owners Wednesday. Failure of the  
water department to hire sufficient  
teams is tying up excavating work  
on the reservoir.

#### Need 150 More Teams

"If 150 more teams can be pro-  
cured we can double the force of  
360 now at work," declared W. F.  
Hennessy, head of the city-state em-  
ployment bureau. "The pay is that  
demanded by the union scale and  
the hours eight. All we can do is  
to appeal to team owners to hire out  
to the city."

Teamsters are to report to H. T.  
Hammer, waterworks foreman on  
the job. The most direct route is  
out Woodland avenue to East boule-  
vard, and then 200 feet north.

If Cleveland Foundation survey  
officials consent, Hennessy will put an  
end to registration. Since Decem-  
ber 18, when the unemployed agita-  
tion began, 12,659 men and women  
have been registered, more than the  
bureau figures it can find work for.  
Every day the stream grows bigger,  
with no great increase in the number  
of jobs available. Hennessy, however,  
would continue to register those who  
apply with cards from churches and  
civil organizations.

Twenty women were put to work  
Wednesday morning in the auxiliary  
sewing room fitted up in the former  
outdoor relief headquarters, City  
Hall. Enough work was on hand for  
Wednesday, but none for Thursday.  
Miss Prudence Sherwin, in charge,  
said 25 would be put on Thursday if  
work is given. The women will be  
put into two shifts, each to work  
three eight-hour days a week.  
Whether the women were to be paid  
by the day or 20 or 25 cents an hour  
was to be decided late Wednesday at  
a meeting.

Figures compiled by Hennessy  
Wednesday showed to date 12,659  
have been registered at city-state of-  
fices. Of these 2,038 were women and  
10,621 men. There have been 1,037  
calls for men and 1,033 for women.  
The number of men sent out is 925.

and women, 683.

#### U. S. Helps to Get Jobs

United States immigration inspec-  
tors in Cleveland, under authority  
from Washington, Wednesday began  
to take an active interest in the so-  
lution of the unemployed problem.  
The department now may aid men to  
get work in factories, on railroads or  
in any other line of business. Here-  
tofore they were allowed to supply  
only farm labor.

Mayor Baker has promised the  
general committee handling the un-  
employed situation that the city can  
find enough work to do to use \$100,-  
000 worth of labor if the money can  
be raised. The committee, of which  
Samuel Mather is chairman, origi-  
nally set out to collect \$50,000.  
Mather gave \$10,000 and F. H. Goff  
\$1,000. The amount to be raised  
may be increased to \$100,000. Vari-  
ous plans to raise this money, in-  
cluding a "donation day" on which  
it is suggested every employed per-  
son contribute one day's pay, is un-  
der consideration. Canvassing for  
the money also is being considered  
as a part of the house-to-house can-  
vass to be made by 1,000 volunteers  
who will seek out work that might  
give some one employment.

The first result of the expected  
building boom came Wednesday,  
with applications for several hun-  
dred more men on the new plant of  
the Willard Storage Battery Com-  
pany, St. Clair avenue and East 131st  
street. Two hundred men already  
are employed on this work. By  
Wednesday night it is expected 500  
will be at work.

## CORNERSTONE IS LAID FOR D. & C. NEW BUILDING

Simple ceremonies marked the lay-  
ing of the cornerstone of the De-  
troit & Cleveland Navigation Com-  
pany office building at the foot of  
the East 9th street pier Wednesday  
noon.

D. C. McIntyre, general freight and  
traffic manager, Cleveland, presided,  
placing a copper box in the stone in  
the southwest corner of the building,  
which contained copies of the four  
Cleveland newspapers, photographs  
of the company's officials, a copy of  
the government inspection rules, and  
schedules of the steamers.

Mayor Baker was to have presid-  
ed, but business took him to Wash-  
ington. His secretary, Milton  
Young, represented the city.

Manager McIntyre said that with  
favorable weather, the buildings will  
be ready for use in ample time for  
resumption of lake traffic in June,  
which means that the last steamer of  
the D. & C. and C. & B. companies  
has been docked in the Cuyahoga  
river. It is estimated that the com-  
bined plants will cost over a half mil-  
lion dollars.

## DAVIS CROWD FIGHTS TO BOSS G. O. P. LEAGUE

Gov. Willis Rules Maschke O.  
K. Won't Win Any Jobs  
From Him

A bitter fight for control of the  
League of Republican clubs, waged  
for weeks, will come to a climax Wed-  
nesday night when new officers will  
be elected. An effort to wrest the  
presidency from John Branschwitz and  
put at the head of the league an out-  
and-out partisan of Harry L. Davis,  
candidate for mayor, will be made.

Branschwitz is a close friend of  
Maurice Maschke, who has endorsed  
the candidacy of Davis for mayor,  
but is looked upon by Republicans  
generally as "a fair man." Davis  
supporters are not sure whether he  
would favor Davis as a candidate if  
he is re-elected and have nominated  
two candidates against him. David  
Marsh, often called "the only Davis  
man in the First ward," and Russell  
Johnson, who with A. N. Rodway was  
in charge of Republican headquarters  
through the last campaign, are the  
candidates. If either is elected it is  
the plan to use the influence of the  
league in behalf of Davis' candidacy.

Governor Willis Wednesday de-  
clared he would receive no indorse-  
ments for state jobs from members  
of the Maschke faction in Cuyahoga  
county. John F. Evans, 456 Leader-  
News building, is asking Willis to ap-  
point Charles Korabek, 6923 Kinsman  
road, deputy state fire marshal. Willis  
very firmly declared that indorse-  
ments from Maschke or members of  
his wing of the party would have no  
weight with him.

Korabek also is indorsed by a  
number of leading Republicans not  
Maschke men.

Indications Wednesday were that  
at least six candidates will make the  
race for mayor; Davis and Miner G.  
Norton and probably John A. Cline  
in the Republican free-for-all, Peter  
Witt and John Sulzman and prob-  
ably W. J. Horrigan, Eighth ward  
councilman, Democrats.

With this field, and the probability  
of more entries, councilmen are talk-  
ing of a charter amendment to re-  
store the old party ballot instead of  
the nonpartisan preferential voting.

Paul Howland, former congress-  
man, has been nominated for presi-  
dent of the Tippecanoe club; E. Rob-  
eck and Frederick Donberg for  
sergeants-at-arms, and Herman  
Klaue and James Walker for com-  
mander. Election will be held  
Tuesday from 4 to 8 p. m.

## CUT PRACTICES, ANGER TIMMNER

Herr Christiaan Timmner, official  
baton wielder of the municipal or-  
chestra, is peeved again. This time  
it's because Recreation Commissioner  
Black, business manager of the or-  
chestra, has cut the number of week-  
ly rehearsals from four to three.

Strenuous efforts of Timmner's to  
save the extra rehearsal—he claimed  
the much-needed polish could be  
made a reality—failed. Black's hard,  
cold figures, showing \$147 would be  
saved each week, forced culture to  
the wall.

"The orchestra needs money too  
badly to have four rehearsals a  
week," Black declared Wednesday.  
"If \$3,500 can be raised by private  
subscription we'll put back the re-  
hearsal."

Timmner is scurrying about after

## WOULD FIND JOBS BY LETTER CHAIN

City Leaders to Adopt New  
Method of Enlisting Em-  
ployers' Aid.

Many Organizations Volun-  
teer to Get Labor for  
Needy.

### ONE WAY YOU MAY AID

If you need a man or a woman,  
skilled or no, for an hour, a day or  
a week, telephone Main 4600 and  
ask for the State-City Free Em-  
ployment bureau. The bureau will fill  
your order at once.

If you are destitute and out of  
work, go to the bureau, Rockwell-  
av N. E. and E. 3d-st, and file an  
application blank. The bureau, with  
the support of industries and private  
citizens, will endeavor to get you a  
situation.

Chairman F. H. Goff of the unem-  
ployment commission today will ad-  
dress letters to 150 of his business  
acquaintances, employers of labor,  
asking that they give immediate em-  
ployment to as many additional work-  
men as possible.

Recipients of these letters will be  
asked by Mr. Goff to write ten letters  
of the same context as those written  
by him, to ten of the recipients' ac-  
quaintances, possible employers of la-  
bor.

Suggestion of the multiple letter  
idea was advanced at a meeting of  
the commission yesterday noon in The  
Hollenden by Charles E. Adams of the  
Cleveland Hardware Co.

Embodied in Mr. Goff's appeal will  
be the request that the employers  
agree to furnish at least \$5 worth of  
work at whatever wage is asked.

#### Care for Needy Cases.

Meanwhile the commission will de-  
fer until Wednesday final action on  
the proposed plan to ask citizens to

contribute to a fund of \$100,000 to  
be used to work out city projects  
with the primary aim of supplying  
additional employment for the more  
needy unemployed.

It was felt at the meeting that the  
giving of employment is of greater  
import than contributing to a fund;  
that too many men feel their obliga-  
tion becomes erased with the signing  
of a check; that employers be given  
this chance to show what opportu-  
nities they can supply and if they  
cannot give work, then let them later  
be given the chance to contribute to  
the fund.

Mr. Goff will ask in his letter that  
those who are reached by the multiple  
appeal make their replies to Allen T.  
Burns, a member of the commission.  
These replies will serve as a guide  
for the commission as to the advisa-  
bility of going further with the \$100,-  
000 fund plan.

To gain immediate benefit from the  
\$11,000 already subscribed to this  
fund, \$10,000 from Samuel Mather  
and \$1,000 from Mr. Goff, the com-  
mission, on motion of Rev. Dr. Worth  
M. Tippy of Epworth Memorial Meth-  
odist church will turn over the \$11,000  
at once to the city for improvement  
projects.

Victor W. Sincere of the Bailey  
Co. suggested the money be used to  
improve Kingsbury run into a park  
and that the men hired to do the work  
be chosen from the men most in need  
of work, according to applications in  
the hands of the state-city employ-  
ment bureau.

While the market for workmen



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among the regular employers of labor is being felt out through the agency of the Goff letters, activities of lining up workers for the city-wide house-to-house canvass for odd jobs for both men and women will continue.

Yesterday morning in the Goodrich house, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 6th-st, the canvass committee met. From now until Monday afternoon attempts in this line will be confined to enlisting canvassers.

Fifty members of the Woman Suffrage Party of Cuyahoga county, it was promised, will ask fifteen additional suffragists to join the lists. Churches promised 100 more.

Co-operation of the entire membership of the Woman's Civic association was tendered by Mrs. Anna Herbruck, president of the body. Fifty more were promised by the Federation of Women's Clubs.

All canvassers will meet Monday afternoon at 3 in the Chamber of Commerce to be assigned territory and to be given instructions.

One tangible result of the campaign was seen yesterday morning, when twenty-one women were put to work sewing in the women's workroom in city hall. The majority of the women were of foreign birth. These will be kept at work until Saturday, when another group of applicants will be cared for.

Miss Stella Slivka of the Joseph & Feiss Co. supervised the work. The women worked button holes, hemmed table linen and darned. The minimum wage yesterday was \$1 for a seven-hour day. This will be raised according to the competency of the women sewing, Miss Myrta Jones, a member of the commission, said.

At the commission meeting yesterday Mr. Goff read figures furnished by Supt. W. F. Hennessy of the state-city employment bureau, showing the work of that institution since Jan. 6, the day Mayor Newton D. Baker announced the personnel of the commission.

Total registration of men and women without resources or work was 6,407; employers offered jobs through the bureau to 2,007, and of that number 1,618 were placed. Three hundred and sixty of these jobs were furnished by the city.

Arch C. Klumph, president of the Builders' exchange, asked that prospective builders be urged to build now instead of waiting till spring. He pointed out that at this time materials for building are cheaper; architects can give more time to supervision and labor is easier to obtain.

C. J. Neal, president of the Chamber of Industry, promised whatever assistance would be required of the chamber, but he thought the house-to-house canvass is the most likely plan to furnish results for the reason that the investigation of the problem shows the unskilled workman is the one most affected.

Fred C. Alber, commissioner of parks and public grounds, yesterday gave Service Director Tom L. Sidlo

the following list of places where work could be done:

Union-av S. E.—Top soil from proposed streets in new allotment to be piled. Twenty-five men with as many wheelbarrows will be needed. About 10,000 yards to be removed.

Gordon park—Cleaning brush at the picnic grove; ten men for two weeks.

Wade park to Gordon park—Cleaning out creek of trees and rubbish; fifteen men for two weeks.

D. 9th-st—Clean the approaches; about ten men for two weeks will make a showing.

Lake front, motorboat harbor—Thirty-three thousands yards of earth to be removed; 250 men for four weeks.

Woodland Hills park—New lake east of reservoir; twenty-five men for two weeks.

Edgewater park—Leveling thirteen acres of land made by the water works department; twenty-five men for ten days. Grading at west end of park, 30,000 yards; fifteen men for two weeks. New road at top of hill at bath house for parking automobiles; ten men for one week.

Kingsbury run—Dump at Sidaway-st S. E. Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department will supply men to clean this dump.

White City—Tearing down buildings. City Engineer Robert Hoffman will furnish the number of men required for this work.

Superior-av N. E. and Ansel-rd—Grading on each side of brook near new bridge; ten men for one week.

Another meeting of the unemployment commission will be held this noon in The Hollenden. County commissioners and members of the board of education have been asked to attend with a view to ascertaining what work, if any, they can furnish immediately.

Twenty members and friends of the Woman's Civic association will join in a city canvass to obtain work for the unemployed. At a meeting of the association held yesterday afternoon at the public library the president, Mrs. Anna Herbruck, recently appointed to one of Mayor Baker's committees on employment, asked for volunteer as-

sistants. Mrs. J. K. Parker, Mrs. Perry L. Hobbs, Mrs. J. L. Joy, Mrs. C. J. James, Miss Charlotte Schaefer, Mrs. R. G. Collier, Mrs. H. B. Long, Mrs. H. W. Aby, Mrs. Herbert Wel-

ker will join her, each agreeing to obtain another woman as aid. Neighborhood committees also will be formed. Mrs. J. A. Smith reported an investigation of moving pictures, approving certain films and criticizing others in detail. The recent tour of the movies by Rev. Dr. George Hugh Bir-

ney has strengthened the association in a determination to work for a municipal censorship of films. Although the association was unable to engage Mme. Rosika Schwim-

mer as speaker at a mass meeting to consider universal peace, as first planned, owing to her absence from the city, the meeting will be held soon.

## SEEKS INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT

### Councilman Suggests City Hall Room for City Products.

To boom Cleveland industries the city council and Chamber of Commerce committees on industrial expansion may co-operate in establishment of an industrial exhibit room on the ground floor of the city hall building.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on industrial expansion announced yesterday he would propose this plan to the Chamber of Commerce committee if service and welfare heads would favor the use of the city hall room for this purpose, after the unemployment campaign is over.

Chamber officials said yesterday they would be glad to consider plans proposed by Councilman Reynolds. In his opinion exhibits showing the work of Cleveland industrial institutions should be shown in the city hall.

The council committee on industrial expansion will meet Wednesday to consider a plan that a new pier be erected west of the D. & C. pier and that the proposed city convention hall be located on this structure. The roof would be used for recreation purposes.

## GUARDS OFFICE OF MAYOR

### Policeman is Stationed for Duty at City Hall.

Visions of black hand letters hovered before city hall employees yesterday, when a patrolman stationed himself in the hallway leading to the office of the mayor.

Mayor Newton D. Baker announced at a meeting of the City club Saturday that he had received two threatening letters, but police denied yesterday that the call for police service at the city hall had anything to do with the letters. They declared that it was merely due to the unemployment situation and to the fact that there are constantly crowds of people about the lower hallways of the building.

Milton L. Young, secretary to the mayor, said yesterday that he had not called for the policemen. Mayor Baker was not in the city yesterday.

## MAY LOSE BATTLE FOR RESERVE BANK

### Pittsburg Fails to Impress Federal Board by Its Array of Figures.

### Mayor Baker Pleases by Using New Civic Angle in Argument.

Plain Dealer Bureau.  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.

Contrasts between the civic consciousness of Cleveland and Pittsburg and references to the wide difference in the political atmosphere of the two municipalities played a large part in the hearing today before the federal reserve board on the protest of Pittsburg bankers against the selection of Cleveland as the regional bank center for the fourth reserve district.

The representatives of Pittsburg, asking that the regional bank be transferred from Cleveland to Pittsburg, were armed with a long line of statistics covering manufactures, miles of trunk line railway, tonnage in various commodities, bank clearances and rates of interest.

The representatives of Cleveland had statistics, too, but with these figures they presented reasons why the metropolis of Ohio, morally as well as for the general public interest should retain the central bank in the fourth reserve district.

#### Breaks Routine Monotony.

It was something new—this linking of the question of civic atmosphere into an otherwise necessarily dull rehearsal of figures pertaining to the movement of trade. And it was not alone interesting but refreshing to the members of the reserve board. They themselves said so in congratulating Mayor Newton D. Baker, who led in this line of argument and who told the board Pittsburg was suffering with "statistical imagination."

It was contended that Cleveland from the start enthusiastically joined

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in the movement while the attitude of Pittsburg if not openly hostile was indifferent. The national bank failures of each city also were mentioned.

The hearing today was oral to supplement the written briefs filed with the federal reserve board on behalf of the two cities. At the conclusion of the argument announcement was decision would be reserved. All surface indications point that the federal reserve board will sustain the action of the organization committee in selecting Cleveland and will not disturb the new banking system in operation but a little more than two months.

The representatives of Pittsburg themselves admitted after the hearing they saw little or no chance for a change in the attitude of the board. Irrespective of the arguments the attitude of the board seems to be that if there are any defects experience will demonstrate them and the only logical course to pursue is to observe the workings of the system as organized.

Arguments for Cleveland were presented by Attorney S. H. Tolles and Mayor Baker. In addition to the two spokesmen Cleveland was represented at the hearing by J. J. Sullivan, F. W. Wardwell, Thomas H. Wilson, George S. Russell, C. A.

Paine, L. A. Murrey, M. B. Johnson, George F. Hart, A. G. Tame, W. E. Ward, A. M. Corcoran.

Argument for Pittsburg was presented by Attorney William Smith. Other representatives of Pittsburg at the hearing were T. Hart Given, president of the Farmers Deposit National bank; R. B. Mellen, president of the Mellen National bank, and John R. McCune, financier and representative of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce.

Attorney Smith vigorously denied there was any criticism of the federal reserve board. He declared the mapping out of the new system by the board to be a "wonderful piece of constructive work," and then insisted that in the case of the fourth district a mistake had been made. He summed up with the statement the capital and surplus of the six largest cities of Ohio, Cleveland included, was

some \$2,000,000 short of that in Pittsburg alone.

Attorney Tolles characterized some of the statements of Attorney Smith as ridiculous, as, for instance, the Pittsburg man's assertion the Cleveland market is localized.

"With the possible exception of New York and Chicago the Cleveland market is the most diversified in the United States, reaching nearly every point on the globe," said Mr. Tolles.

Mr. Tolles discussed the purposes of the new banking act to provide a more equitable distribution of the banking resources of the country and contended that by this test, Cleveland was in every way to be preferred over Pittsburg.



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# ENDLESS CHAIN TO CREATE JOBS, BOARD DECIDES

"Provide \$5 Worth of Work or Donate That Sum for Relief," to Be Urged in Thousands of Letters.

CANVASS FOR \$100,000  
IS DEFERRED FOR WEEK

Commission Votes to Employ  
Men in Parks Immediately  
With \$11,000 Available.

Sending of endless chain letters to find work or raise funds for the relief of Cleveland's unemployed was agreed on yesterday by the mayor's unemployment commission as one solution of the unemployment problem. The proposed canvas for a \$100,000 minimum relief fund was deferred a week.

The commission voted to put men at work in the parks immediately with the \$11,000 thus far donated toward the relief fund.

Delay in the various projects proposed by the commission was criticized by several members on the ground that speedy relief is necessary above all things.

## Board's Latest Views.

Proposals discussed by the commission yesterday were:

Discontinuing of registrations of unemployed at State-City Free Labor Exchange, to permit placing of those already registered.

Advancing of building operations.

Having relief fund handled through Associated Charities.

Authorizing Chairman F. H. Goff to start 150 endless chain letters to personal friends, for \$5 worth of work or \$5 contribution.

Suspension of commission meetings for week to finish relief plans already started.

Immediate use of \$11,000 contributed to relief fund.

Making commission permanent to guard against future problems.

Soliciting of work for emergency workroom at Y. W. C. A.

Financial aid for workroom started yesterday in city hall.

Instructing employers to order employees to contribute to relief fund.

Have police distribute circulars appealing for work.

## Rev. Tippy Opposes Chain.

The endless chain letter suggestion was offered by Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, who also favored having the funds handled through the Associated Charities.

The 150 men who receive the first letters are each to be asked to make a similar appeal to ten of their personal friends, either for work of not less than \$1 compensation, or a contribution of \$1 to \$5.

The principal opposition to Mr. Adams' endless chain of letter plan was made by Rev. Worth M. Tippy. "I am more skeptical about it than others seem to be," Rev. Tippy said. "The principle is bad and I am opposed to it. If it succeeds we must put an early end to the chain."

"He urged going ahead with the canvass for funds as at first proposed."

Goff Against Delay.

Despite opposition, Mr. Adams' endless chain suggestion was carried by a substantial vote. His suggestion that the house-to-house canvass be deferred a week was opposed by Chairman Goff, on the ground that too much had already been done toward the canvass to stop it at this time.

Huge posters advertising the canvass are to be placed in all street cars and in all store windows. Small duplicates of the posters are to be distributed in every home.

Officials of the Builders' Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce industrial development bureau and the industrial committee of the Chamber of Industry were guests of the commission at the luncheon meeting held in the assembly room at the Hollenden Hotel.

President Klumph, of the Builders' Exchange, in offering the services of that body to the commission in the canvass of employers, urged advancement

ing of building operations to relieve the situation.

Expressions of several members of the commission opposing delay in finding actual means of relief called forth the declaration by Charles Eisenman, head of the Jewish charities:

"We are a fine example of what an organization ought to be and is not."

He urged steps to make the organization permanent.

Immediately following the action of the commission in voting to put men to work with the \$11,000 already on hand, Director of Service Sidlo said the city would be able to place about 100 men on park work by Friday.

One of the tasks to be started is the grading of the ground around the new city hall. Other work to be started will be: grading and removing top soil on Union avenue tract for boulevard; removing brush from Gordon Park picnic grounds.

The county commissioners and members of the board of education will be guests of the commission today at a noon luncheon in the Hollenden Hotel. These officials will be asked to make suggestions to aid the work of the commission.

## Civic Association Aids.

The Woman's Civic Association has pledged 100 canvassers for the house-to-house campaign. The club women will also assist in forming neighborhood clubs whereby several housekeepers in a community will combine to give work by the day to men and women.

Captains of teams of ten are Mrs. J. K. Parker, Mrs. Perry L. Hobbs, Mrs. L. M. Joy, Mrs. Charles J. James, Mrs. W. H. Corlett, Miss Charlotte Schaefer, Mrs. H. B. Long, Mrs. R. G. Collier, Mrs. Anna Herbruck and Mrs. George Avey.

They will meet at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon to receive instructions.

Plans are being made for a peace mass meeting.

# MAYOR HAS A SENTRY. WHY?

Many Guess at His Function—A Warm Beat for Cop.

Speculation was abundant in the city hall yesterday concerning the presence of a patrolman doing "sentry duty" in the corridor leading to Mayor Baker's office.

"He's there to keep the Black Handers from calling and leaving their cards," said one.

"There was trouble in there yesterday," said another.

"The mayor is out of the city and has not asked the police to detail a man here," said Milton Young, the mayor's secretary.

"He's there to keep unemployed from loitering," said police authorities. Patrolman Kuehn had the warm beat yesterday.

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# RESERVE SAVED, BANKERS BELIEVE

Clevelanders Present Arguments Against Claim of Pittsburg.

BY ROBERT F. WILSON.

Leader Bureau, 302 Riggs Building.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The struggle of Pittsburg to wrest the federal reserve bank of the fourth district from Cleveland is all over but for the decision of the federal reserve board.

After months of agitation, the Pittsburg bankers submitted their case to the board today. Their argument was answered by Mayor Newton D. Baker and Attorney S. H. Tolles so ably and completely as to leave little doubt in the minds of disinterested listeners that the effort of the Pittsburgers has been in vain.

In fact, members of the large Pittsburg delegation in attendance at the hearing, after listening to the arguments, conceded that there is little chance that the board will upset the work of the organization committee, which placed the bank in Cleveland. The board announced that it would take the case under advisement and render its opinion in due time.

The Pittsburgers, through Attorney W. W. Smith, attempted to make the point that their appearance today was in furtherance of what in a court would correspond to a motion for a new trial, arguing that in the hurry of organizing the bank, the organization committee did not have sufficient time to take all the facts into consideration.

The Cleveland response was that the proceedings today were rather an action after judgment had been rendered.

"The bank is actually in Cleveland doing business," said Tolles, in his reply to Smith. "It is established, and, unless there is a showing of fraud, of a mistake, or if experience has shown that the location is prejudicial to the best interests of the banking interest, then the decision of the organization committee should not be disturbed. There has been no such showing."

## "Would Shake Confidence."

In a short speech, in which he wound up the Cleveland side, Mayor Baker contended that to move the

bank now would be to shake public confidence in the stability of the new banking system.

"It would defer the hope of the public that this institution will remedy some of the financial limitations under which this country has labored," he said.

A large delegation came from Cleveland to the hearing. It was headed by Baker, Tolles, Colonel J. J. Sullivan and M. B. Johnson, and it included also F. W. Wardwell, president of the Cleveland Clearing House Association; Thomas H. Wilson, Louis A. Murfey, George C. Russell, W. E. Ward, A. G. Tame, C. A. Paine, George F. Hart and A. M. Corcoran.

Mayor Baker and most of the party returned to Cleveland tonight. The mayor escorted the delegation to the White House after the hearing, but a few minutes too late to see the President. They also called on Senator Pomerene in the afternoon.

Attorney Smith succeeded, over the protest of Attorney Tolles, in getting before the board petitions from 476 out of the 766 member banks of the Fourth district asking that the bank be transferred to Pittsburg. In his comment on these

petitions Tolles said:

"You ought to consider how these petitions were obtained before giving weight to them. Cleveland has not thought it becoming to canvass this district or solicit votes for the retention of the bank in Cleveland. We have thought to rely upon the merit of the decision awarding the bank to Cleveland, rather than upon any drumming of the district. How these petitions were obtained, by what drumming or solicitation, I have no means of knowing."

## Compares Two Cities.

"In the matter of financial supremacy, industrial and commercial supremacy, and convenience of access Cleveland is completely overshadowed by Pittsburg in every particular," said Smith. He then went on to give statistics bearing out his statement.

"The capital and surplus of the national banks of the six largest cities in Ohio fall \$2,000,000 short of the aggregate capital and surplus of Pittsburg banks," said Smith. "Of the seven cities with bank capital of over \$25,000,000, Pittsburg was the only one in which a reserve bank was not located."

"We have heard no reasons given for locating the bank at Pittsburg," was the way Tolles began his argument. "Nothing, except that supremacy, which any Pittsburger is ready to admit at any hearing."

He denied Smith's assertion that Cleveland business is localized, while Pittsburg's market is world-wide. "No American city has a trade wider spread than Cleveland's," he said.

## Cleveland's Atmosphere Better.

"Before this banking law was proposed, the feeling had come to be that the flow of money did not follow natural courses—it had been made to flow uphill by special inducements, because the control of money had fallen into very few hands. This fact, no doubt, was in the mind of the organization committee, when it made its decision."

Tolles declared that the "atmosphere" of Cleveland is better for the regional bank than that of Pittsburg.

"There is natural feeling against Pittsburg for the reason that her political and banking history in the public records does not create the atmosphere in which one would place a bank of this importance. This is Pittsburg's misfortune rather than her fault. Cleveland's growth and conservatism of banking has been absolutely free from the slightest scandal or failure, and these were factors in influencing the committee."



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## SEES OBJECT DROP FROM SECOND CAR AS GIBBONS FALLS

Former Candidate for Council Swears He Saw White Object Hit Pavement Following Shooting.

Many Women Follow Evidence Closely in Case—Mayor Baker Hears Testimony.

ASKS CONROY OF EVENTS BEFORE FATAL SHOOTING

State's Attorney Draws Admission Controverting Defense Argument.

That a white object dropped from the car of Hugh Bradley, assistant circulation manager of the Leader, as it passed the body of Thomas Gibbons after the shooting, was testified by the last witness called yesterday in the Callahan murder trial.

Yesterday was a day of sensations and dramatic surprises. The order restricting those permitted in court to persons directly concerned with the trial had been relaxed and Common Pleas Judge P. L. A. Lieghley's court room was thronged.

Many women spectators were accommodated with chairs inside the grille, behind which friends of the parties interested stood, and strained their ears to catch every word of the testimony. Mayor Newton D. Baker, accompanied by his secretary, Milton L. Young, looked in for a few minutes in the afternoon. The mayor sat near the door. Former Chief of Police Fred Kohler also spent part of the afternoon in the room.

This was the fourth day of the trial of Harvey J. Callahan, Leader-News circulator, who with Frank O'Neil, another Leader-News circulation representative, was indicted for the murder of Thomas Gibbons at Detroit-av N. W. and W. 75th-st on the night of Nov. 21 last.

**Tells of White Object.**

The statement a white object dropped over the shield of Bradley's car when it was making its getaway from the scene with Callahan was made in direct evidence by John E. Smith, a former candidate for councilmanic honors of the West Side.

Another statement made by Mr. Smith was that at the time Gibbons was shot and as he was falling Gibbons had his right hand in his side trouser pocket. The Leader defense claims that Gibbons was in the act of pointing a gun taken from Chambers when he was shot.

Frank Coughlin, Plain Dealer South Side district circulation manager, swore his reason for rounding up Newburg friends the night of the murder was to protect William Chambers, West Side district manager of the Plain Dealer, who had been previously assaulted and threatened by Callahan and O'Neil. "Chambers

told me the Leader bunch would lay for him and I went over there to see they did not get him as they got me—alone," Coughlin testified.

State's witness, Stephen Conroy, charged by Assistant County Prosecutor P. J. Mulligan with varying statements previously made before the grand jury and Lieutenant of Police Charles Sterling, admitted that as recently as Tuesday night of this week he was in an automobile with A. M. E. Bergener, city editor of the Leader, and driven by Roy Whitaker, Leader-News chauffeur.

**Conroy is Called.**

Conroy was the first witness called to the stand yesterday. He gave his age as 26 and his address as 8914 Harvard-av S. E. It was about 5 p. m. Nov. 21 in Boreiter's saloon, E. 93d-st, Coughlin first asked him to take a ride that night, Conroy said.

Proceeding quickly to the events outside Beekes & Zimmer's store at Detroit-av N. W. and W. 75th-st, Conroy stated that when the Leader News truck drove up there was an argument between Chambers and O'Neil.

## WILL URGE BONDS FOR LIGHT PLANT

Councilman Wants City to Take Over Illuminating Company's Works.

Bases Decision on Further Delay in Adjustment of Rates.

Immediate steps in the direction of issuing bonds to acquire the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. will be suggested in a resolution to be offered in council Monday night by Councilman P. V. Kalina, chairman of the council committee on lighting.

Councilman Kalina decided on this course yesterday on learning that there has been another postponement of the hearing of the appeal of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to the state utilities commission which was made following the passage of an ordinance requiring the company to reduce its residence lighting rates to 3 cents a kilowatt hour.

The ordinance fixing the rate of 3 cents was passed by the council early in 1914 and the illuminating company appealed on the grounds that the rate fixed by council was not reasonable. The last date set for the hearing was Jan 15, but City Law Director John N. Stockwell has learned another postponement has been agreed to by the state utilities commission.

Councilman Kalina said yesterday his resolution would call upon Mayor Newton D. Baker to state whether in his opinion the city should prepare to take over the property of the illuminating company or whether it should await the decision of the state utilities commission on the question of the 3-cent rate regulation.

F. W. Ballard, commissioner of lighting, said it would be necessary for the city to issue from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 worth of bonds to take over the property of the company.

## CLINE MAY EVADE DEFINITE ANSWER

Expected to Avoid Open Candidacy for Mayor is Reply Today.

Sulzmann Declares He Will Have 60,000 Signatures Within Week.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

It is likely that John A. Cline tomorrow, when boosters, who want him to run for mayor, call at his office to insist on an answer to their request, will give a reply which will indicate an expectation of eventually stepping into the race.

It is not probable, however, that Mr. Cline will deliver a statement which would make him immediately a candidate. At least that was the opinion among his close associates yesterday.

In discussing the possibilities of the situation both before and since his vacation trip, the former prosecutor has frequently referred to the press of private business. That is one reason advanced by his friends for the belief he will not at once become a contestant.

John M. Sulzmann, former councilman, Democrat, whose friends have petitions in circulation for him as a candidate for mayor, declares his supporters will have 60,000 signatures by the close of this week.

Mr. Sulzmann's attitude, when he was first discussed as a mayoralty possibility, seemed to indicate he would not be a candidate should the Democratic county organization determine to endorse someone else. Recently, however, it has been intimated he might enter anyway, convinced by the showing of names on his petitions that there is a demand for him.

Petitions bearing the name of Miner G. Norton, Republican, as a mayoralty candidate, appeared in various sections of the city yesterday. Friends of Mr. Norton declared they were getting the names of many West Side business men and merchants, and particularly of West Side bankers.

Harry L. Davis, according to reports of the progress of his petition campaign, already has more than the 2,500 signatures required to put his name on the November ballot. He said yesterday afternoon petitions bearing about 5,000 names already had been turned in to him, and that his adherents expected to obtain at least 15,000.

## WILL DEMAND FIREBUG GANG BE ROUNDED UP

City Warden Ferrie and Marshal Fleming to Name Certain Persons in Report to Mayor Today.

A report recommending the arrest of several persons, said to be members of a gang of incendiaries responsible for the fires that have consumed thirty-five horses within the last few days, will be made to Mayor Baker today by City Fire Warden Ferrie and Deputy State Fire Marshal Fleming.

A conference between the mayor, Chief of Police Rowe, Director of Public Safety Benesch, Fire Chief Wallace, T. F. Connell, head of the fire prevention bureau, and the fire warden was also recommended.

Ferris stated last night the report would cover investigations that have been under way for six months and would disclose the workings of the most cunning group of "firebugs" that ever operated in Cleveland. He

also intimated that several men in business affairs here had been connected with the operations of the incendiaries.

"The epidemic of small barn and house fires that has swept the city during the last few days is not accidental," said Fleming, "but is part of a plot concocted by a clever gang of firebugs."



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## 'JOBS FOR 15,000' IS SLOGAN IN CAMPAIGN

The necessity for additional efforts to create jobs for Cleveland's unemployed was made plain Friday by employment commissioner Hennessy when he ordered that no more emergency registrations of unemployed men be taken.

"We now have 15,000 names of destitute and unemployed workers on file," said Hennessy. "Until the community is able to show it can put at least a large percentage of them to work, there is no use receiving applications from others."

"Finding work for 15,000" will be the cry of hundreds of canvassers who will go to every corner of the city next week looking for odd jobs for the unemployed.

### Put Work to Test.

"The whole work of the unemployment commission next week will be put to a test," said Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission. "We will know in a week whether we have succeeded or failed in our task."

One hundred men, selected from the destitute list, will be given work Monday improving the public parks. Another hundred will be added to this squad Wednesday, and by the end of the week 400 will be at work.

The men will be paid 25 cents an hour and will probably work three days a week squads of 200 alternating. Their wages will be paid from a fund of \$11,000, the amount already subscribed to the \$100,000 unemployment fund which it is proposed to raise by voluntary subscriptions.

Burr Gongwer of the board of elections announced Friday a contract for 20 voting booths will be awarded in a few days to the Van Dorn iron works. The booths will cost about \$4600.

To boom building as a relief measure, the society advocating fire elimination Friday announced it will make general reductions on all building materials furnished by its members during the present dull season.

Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland said Friday that every effort will be made to push forward the digging of three miles of sewer, costing \$170,000, in East Cleveland. He expects to order the Concon to move its tracks next week, so work may proceed.

Work of getting plans in shape for a new \$50,000 library in East Cleveland are being rushed.

Boy scouts Friday afternoon began distribution of 2500 posters for store windows. The posters point out the distress caused by present unemployment, and call on everyone to create work for the jobless.

Sixty manufacturers met at the Hollenden hotel Friday noon to discuss means of providing work.

A committee appointed to work out a plan by which banks may grant emergency loans to destitute workers, was to meet late Friday in the office of E. B.

Greene, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co.

Because of the difficulty of teaming at the new Fairmount reservoir where 360 men were put to work this week, Supt. H. D. Hammer Friday was forced to reduce his force to 150 men. He promised the men he would put them back to work in a day or two.

Victor Sincere, manager of the Bailey Co., late Thursday wrote Gov. Willis suggesting immediate improvements be made at the state hospital in Newburg.

Responses from the chain letter, started by F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, are expected Saturday. Goff asked 150 of his personal friends to give at least \$5 worth of work. Favorable replies regarding prospects of work are now being received from many of the 1500 manufacturers who were circularized.

## CALL PUBLIC HEARING ON TENEMENT CODE

A public hearing on the tenement code will be held in council chamber Tuesday.

Building Inspector Allen conferred with a council committee Thursday and outlined a scientific method of determining the size of yards and courts for tenement houses.

Allen's scheme provides that courts must be of such a size that the sun's rays will penetrate to the court or yard at noon June 21, the longest day in the year.

This calls for much larger yards and courts than the present building code specifies.

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## ASK STATE AND CITY TO FIGHT ARSON TRUST

Deputy State Fire Marshal Fleming and Chief Fire Warden Ferrie consider the operations of what is charged as an "arson trust" in Cleveland as so serious that they have invited State Fire Marshal E. R. Deffenbaugh, Columbus, to participate in their conferences.

Co-operation of city officials has also been requested.

Friday Fire Warden Ferrie filed a request with T. F. Connell, head of the fire prevention bureau, recommending a conference with Mayor Baker and the heads of the fire, police and detective departments. Later in the day Fleming planned to file a similar request with Fire Chief Wallace. The request pointed out the necessity for immediate action if any advance is to be made in checking the activities of the gang.

Fleming and Ferrie intimate that they could name four or five men at this time who have been involved in these fires in the past two weeks, but state they desire to withhold their names until the city promises co-operation.

"Then we will be in a position to line up the whole crowd, which numbers more than four or five," said Ferrie. "And they aren't gangsters, either; they are men who have a motive in burning down barns where stock is quartered, and that's the point we mean to establish."

Fleming said the work of the incendiaries was not done for insurance gain, as in each case of the kind reported since last June, something like 20 in all, the loss was far greater than the amount of insurance carried.

## SAY THERE'S FRICTION IN SANITARY BUREAU

Inside workings of the city sanitation bureau, of which Miss Mildred Chadsey is chief, were expected to be revealed late Friday when civil service commissioners passed on the suspension of Sanitary Patrolman John J. Schedel. Evidence tending to show a constant lack of harmony among Miss Chadsey, Health Commissioner Ford and sanitary police was to be brought out.

Schedel was suspended by Miss Chadsey because he gave lodging house proprietors five to 15 days to clean up following a raid.



# SEWER WORK TO START AT ONCE TO AID JOBLESS

Increased Cost Will Be Paid by Private Donations—House Canvass for Help Begins Monday.

EVERYONE TO BE ASKED TO ASSIST RELIEF WORK

Positions Must Be Found for Some of 15,000 Registered at Bureau.

Immediate starting of city sewer building contracted for the spring, with the increased cost paid by contributions from big private employers, is expected to materially aid the solution of the unemployment problem.

This plan was evolved yesterday at a conference of a group of manufacturers and large employers of labor, at the Hollenden. The conference, which was not official in its nature, was called by Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company. It was held behind locked doors.

As a result of the plan to push city work, Director of Public Service Sidlo late yesterday ordered the contractors on seven sewer jobs to begin work at once. He estimates that possibly 200 men may be employed on this work at once.

## Sanctioned by Officials.

While the proposal has the sanction of city officials and many members of the mayor's unemployment commission, it is expected the plan will be officially ratified by the commission at its session at noon Monday.

This is the second suggestion made since the commission commenced work, by which the city is to be aided with private funds in the pushing of public work to relieve the unemployment conditions.

The total contract price of the various pieces of sewer work to be undertaken immediately is \$41,234. The work involves the laying of short sections of sewer on Benham avenue, E. 105th street, Coit road and Craven, Oakfield, Elizabeth and Rexford avenues. It is expected the cost of starting work during the winter instead of the spring, will be slightly above the contract cost.

## Canvass to Begin.

According to Mr. Adams, this was the only thing of importance accomplished at the conference. It was held behind closed doors, he said, because some of the men present were disinclined to freely express their opinions publicly.

The house-to-house employment canvass will open Monday with a mass meeting of the 1,000 volunteer canvassers at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. They will canvass every home in Cleveland and suburbs, asking householders to give work or money to the employment fund.

Every street car and every store window in Cleveland will bear one of the posters that have been printed to advertise the work canvass. A squad of twenty-five Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Thomas Sparrow,

distributed several thousand of the posters in the down-town district yesterday afternoon. Another squad will be stationed in the Public Square this afternoon, to place the posters on every street car.

Commissioner of Parks Alber, announced yesterday that on Monday 100 men now unemployed will be put to work on Gordon and Edgewater parks, with funds provided by the unemployment commission.

Fifty men will clear away brush on the Gordon Park picnic grounds and creek and fifty more will do grading in Edgewater Park.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, and others seeking to solve the problem, declared yesterday that the relief campaign has reached a critical stage where the effectiveness of means already decided on will be tested.

It was decided yesterday that until more work is created, no more emergency registrations will be taken at the State-City Free Labor Exchange, which now has an emergency list of 15,000.

"Until the community is able to

show it can put at least a large percentage of these to work, there is no use receiving applications from others," Superintendent Hennessy, of the exchange, said yesterday.

Representatives of various women's organizations supporting the workroom for women in the city hall, perfected plans for the operation of the room at a meeting yesterday.

Mrs. Rufus Ranney will be in general charge. Mrs. Morris A. Black and Miss Prudence Sherwin will be in active charge of the workers. Mrs. Harris Cooley will assume the responsibility of securing workers. Funds to run the workroom with twenty-five workers for another week have been pledged.

## COUNCILMEN TO HEAR WAGE ARGUMENTS TODAY

Representatives of the Ohio Minimum Wage League and the Federation of Labor will appear before the council committee on labor this morning to urge the establishment of a minimum wage of \$2.50 per day for city employees.

Minimum wage legislation was introduced by Councilman Dittick at the request of the two organizations. Councilmen indicated yesterday that there was little chance of the measure being approved by the committee.

# START SEWER JOBS TO AID NEEDY MEN

City Officials Agree to Begin Work to Employ 200 Idle Persons.

Mather-Goff Fund to Give Men Steady Jobs in Parks.

Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo at a conference yesterday afternoon with Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and Allen T. Burns of the unemployment commission, agreed to order contractors to go forward at once with seven sewer jobs, to cost \$41,234.

This possibly will give work to 200 men, Mr. Sidlo said. Mr. Witt asked the director about work on another city project.

"If this plan goes through," Mr. Witt said, "it will give work to many men. If we give out what the plan is at this time, the whole idea may be spoiled."

Mr. Witt and Mr. Burns went to see Mr. Sidlo, following a meeting they had attended at The Hollenden. At the meeting were twenty employers of labor, called to discuss the unemployment situation by Charles E. Adams of the Cleveland Hardware Co.

The meeting lasted three hours. Those at the meeting were pledged to secrecy as to the subjects discussed.

Mr. Sidlo announced yesterday morning the \$11,000 unemployment fund, subscribed by Samuel Mather and F. H. Goff, will be used to send 100 men to work Monday morning improving public parks. It is expected 400 men will be at work as a result of this fund by the end of next week. The men will get 25 cents an hour.

Allen Klein, 18, 1593 Wade Park-av N. E., a member of the Hai Resh Jewish fraternity, called at the home of Mr. Burns yesterday, asked for the man of the house, explained the hire-a-man movement to Mr. Burns, and asked him to join a neighborhood club to keep the street and sidewalks clean on E. 117th-st between Euclid-av and Wade Park-av N. E.

Mr. Burns joined the club.

"It was a case of chickens coming home to roost," he said.

Members of this organization, prompted by Charles Eisenman, member of the commission, have obtained eleven men jobs this week.

Women in charge of the women's workroom at city hall met there yesterday morning with Mrs. Rufus Ranney to discuss ways of getting sewing for women out of work. Committees were organized.

Women who have been working for the past three days at the workroom were paid off last night. To divide up the work, twenty-five new faces will be seen at the sewing machines this morning. This shift will work three days and then give way to another group.

Fifty Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scout Commissioner DeLo E. Mook and Scoutmaster Thomas Sparrow, late yesterday afternoon began placing posters in show windows downtown and at transfer points.

The posters ask employers, householders, neighbors and churches to get together and "give a job." Posters will be placed in street cars this morning by the scouts.

There were 966 registrations yesterday at the State-City Employment bureau. One hundred and fifteen jobs were offered and 102 filled.

The unemployment commission's meeting scheduled for today has been postponed till Monday noon. Subcommittees on loan fund, house-to-house canvass and canvass of employers will report.

Postal cards announcing the mass meeting Monday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce for the house-to-house canvassers will be sent out today. F. H. Goff, Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, chairman of the Woman Suffrage party of Cuyahoga county, and Rev. E. H. Tippet, pastor of Hough Avenue Congregational church will make short addresses.

The Woman Suffrage party of Cuy-

ahoga county yesterday announced the names of seventy party members who will assist in the house-to-house canvass for employment.

The list of canvassers is as follows:

Mrs. A. R. Singletary	Mrs. Walter Flory
Mrs. M. R. Slocum	Mrs. C. Palmer
Mrs. R. D. Spencer	Miss Margaret Lawrence
Mrs. C. M. Swingle	Miss Edith M. Brett
Mrs. W. R. Taylor	Mrs. Elliot Bright
Mrs. Alexander Taylor	Mrs. Arthur Brooks
Mrs. S. H. Wallace	Mrs. T. H. Bushnell
Mrs. Henry Welch	Mrs. Wm. Andrews
Mrs. Willis White	Mrs. L. B. Bacon
Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. Arthur Barber
Mrs. Erice Kenney	Mrs. S. H. West
Mrs. W. T. Cook	Mrs. Alton Smith
Mrs. G. Scott	Mrs. Gale Smith
Mrs. James Bell	Miss Myra Hilla
Mrs. R. K. Beach	Miss Alma Ferguson
Mrs. C. C. Lankin	Mrs. J. B. Clough
Mrs. E. H. Dutler	Mrs. Godfrey Yeager
Mrs. J. J. Hertzig	Mrs. Sheldon Clark
Mrs. Elizabeth Coe	Mrs. Mary Stewart
Mrs. Evelyn Hull	Mrs. Gabriel
Miss Lorena Alexander	Mrs. Sampliner
Mrs. J. Kreig	Mrs. Henry Hiss
Mrs. Hartman	Mrs. Conger
Mrs. Allard Smith	Mrs. W. B. Herrick
Mrs. Bregenzer	Mrs. Olivebaum
Mrs. Cranley	Mrs. C. W. Merrell
Mrs. Hutchinson	Miss Susan Howe
Mrs. Hannah Dosey	Miss Ethel Harlow
Mrs. J. T. Maher	Mrs. Hollingshead
Mrs. A. E. Brown	Mrs. Warren
Dr. Alice Butler	Mrs. David Gibson
Mrs. W. C. W. Smith	Mrs. R. Crawford
Mrs. Helen Coles	Miss E. G. Cunnea
Mrs. Morris Black	Miss Isabel Crosser
Miss Kummer	Mrs. H. N. Dascomb

# SEE BULKLEY CAST IN ROLE OF ARBITER

Republicans Hope He Will Crystallize Sentiment in Mayoralty Race.

Congressman's Coming Today May Bring Backing of One Man.

Arrival in Cleveland today of Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, it is expected, will stir up additional activity in the mayoralty situation and crystallization of sentiment on a candidate is one of the results prophesied yesterday.

Democratic leaders expressed the belief Mr. Bulkley immediately will call a meeting of the Democratic county committee, although such a move is said not to be responsible for his visit to Cleveland. The mayoralty situation, it was said, undoubtedly will be discussed.

Proposed consolidation of the Western Reserve club and the Tippecanoe club, Republican organizations, will not be considered until after the election of the new board of directors of the Tippecanoe club next Tuesday, according to President Don R. Sipe.

The proposal for consolidation, President Sipe said, came from the Western Reserve club some time ago, but the retiring board of directors felt the question was of too great importance to be decided at once. Consequently, the new board of directors will be given the proposal for consideration.

Friends of Attorney John A. Cline, former county prosecutor, yesterday expressed the belief Mr. Cline may

decline the invitation to enter at this time the mayoralty race when it is presented to him by a committee headed by M. D. Williams of the Williams Optical Co. Mr. Cline feels, it is said, that press of his private law practice is such at this time as to make immediate entry into the field impossible.

The Twentieth Ward Republican club last evening adopted a resolution advocating the return to the party primary plan for the choosing of nominees for municipal offices. It also approved the recommendation of Gov. Frank B. Willis that liquor licenses should be granted in April instead of just before the November election. O. M. Evans was re-elected president, and James Lind was chosen secretary of the club.



## \$850,000 WORTH OF SEWER WORK TO AID JOBLESS

The prospect loomed bright Saturday that the city will be able to get approximately \$850,000 worth of sewer construction under way this winter, thus providing employment for several thousand jobless.

If the plan proposed is carried through, members of the unemployment commission believe the problem of getting work for the jobless will be largely solved.

The plan, proposed by Tractioner Witt, was thrashed out in detail late Friday at a meeting of leading manufacturers at the Hollenden. Difficulties appeared to block the plan at that time, but these were cleared Saturday.

### Plan Agreed On.

As outlined in full Saturday, the plan is:

That the city shall immediately advertise for bids for 40 jobs of sewer construction, planned for 1915.

That this work shall be ordered begun at once, the unemployment commission guaranteeing to repay the contractors any

extra expense incurred by the work being done in winter.

This extra work is estimated to be 10 per cent, which in the event that \$400,000 worth of work was done in the remaining winter months, would require donations of \$40,000.

### City's Share \$350,000.

The city's share of this work is

\$350,000 and legislation authorizing a bond issue for this amount is now in council. The remaining \$500,000 will be met by assessment against property owners.

This money will not be available for probably 90 days, but it was pointed out by Server Sidlo's office Saturday that the general practice is for contractors to begin work before the money is at hand.

Mayor Baker, Server Sidlo, Tractioner Witt and City Engineer Hoffman will be asked by F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, to meet with the commission Monday. At this meeting city officials will be urged immediately to ask for bids on as many jobs as plans have been prepared for.

### To Start Sewers.

As a start in carrying out Witt's proposal, Sidlo already has ordered contractors, who now hold contracts, to begin work at once on seven sewer jobs, costing \$41,234.

Goff and Adams Saturday were enthusiastic about the plan. Adams pointed out that if this work is done it will provide work for unskilled labor for which it is now most difficult to find jobs.

The meeting of the unemployment commission scheduled for Saturday was cancelled. Monday's session of the commission will be followed by a mass meeting of volunteers who are to make the house-to-house canvass next week for odd jobs for destitute workers.

Joseph Francis, of the government employment bureau, Saturday said he was in communication with a half dozen farmers who have offered to hire city men for winter work.

"We have found jobs for nine deserving men this week," said Francis.

From Lake-co word has been

received that farmers there are anxious to help relieve distress caused by city unemployment, and several have announced they will take on a man or two even though they do not need them.

## Dem May Indorse Witt for Mayor

The Cuyahoga-co democratic executive committee was to meet late Saturday to discuss the mayoralty candidates and possibly decide which candidate the organization will support.

Chairman R. J. Bulkley, who arrived from Washington Saturday morning, said the organization may decide to support Tractioner Witt.

Bulkley, Mayor Baker and Ed Haserodt, county clerk, who has been mentioned for mayor, had a long conference.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, secretary of the executive committee, Saturday came out for Witt.

## CLINE NOT TO ENTER MAYORALTY RACE NOW

John A. Cline, ex-county prosecutor, may jump into the mayoralty race later on, but he won't be an active candidate now.

That, according to close associates of Cline, was to be his answer to a committee that was to ask him to run for mayor late Saturday.

## PUT FINDING OF JOBS UP TO CITY AND ITS CITIZENS

### Relief Committee Says Its Work Is to Investigate and Make a Report

City-state free employment bureau officials and members of Mayor Baker's general relief committee Saturday put the brunt of relieving the unemployed situation fair and squarely up to the city and citizens. Emergency registration of unemployed was suspended and efforts centered on finding employment for the 15,000 destitute men already on the bureau's books.

Reports showing the work of citizens' and neighborhood committees and church organizations were presented to the general relief committee at Monday noon's luncheon at the Hollenden. One Collinwood church reported it already has put 125 men to work.

### "Citizens Must Find the Work"

"The committee's work is to survey the situation, then make public its findings," Chairman F. H. Goff declared. "The city and citizens must provide work."

Increased cost of putting \$42,000 worth of sewer work, ordinarily put off until spring, will be paid by manufacturers, Service Director Sidlo said. About 200 men will be given work. One hundred are to work in Wade, Gordon and Edgewater parks Monday, and 300 more in three gangs of 100 each for successive three-day periods.

First steps to put the city-state bureau on a permanent basis also were taken Saturday. Civil service examinations for four jobs, paying \$1,200, \$900 and two \$600, were announced for February 1, 2, 3 and 5.

### Criticise Cleveland Foundation

Criticism of the slowness with which the Cleveland Foundation survey has moved also was made known Saturday. Councilmen pointed out that on December 25 the announcement that the foundation had entered the situation was made. "Quick action and material results within two weeks" was to be the battlecry. But outside of two donations toward a relief fund, a \$10,000 one by Samuel Mather and a \$1,000 one by Goff, no material results have been accomplished, councilmen said.

Governor Willis Saturday, on reading in The News that the Cleveland committee would ask him to find a way for the state to find jobs, immediately began inquiry. He will try to have more men put at work on several state highway jobs in this vicinity.

The federal employment bureau, in connection with the department of labor and immigration, Saturday had only three jobs to be divided among nearly 2,000 applicants.

In the last week the bureau has furnished 39 men with jobs on farms near Cleveland.

## NORTON LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN JAN. 30

Hears From Supporters They Will Fill Petitions by That Date.

Witt Pleased With Indorsement of Democratic Committee.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Miner G. Norton's campaign for mayor will be launched formally at a meeting the evening of Jan. 30 in the Forest City house.

The meeting also will mark Mr. Norton's definite entry as a candidate. When he met week before last with the Republicans who had asked him to run, he told them he would make the race if they would obtain on petitions the number of signatures required to put his name on the ballot.

The Norton backers say they will have more than the necessary 2,500 signatures by Jan. 30, and at the meeting announced yesterday for that date, will submit the result of their efforts to Mr. Norton.

Plans for campaigning will be begun by the attorney after that session.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt likely will make the Democratic

headquarters in the Engineers building the headquarters for his campaign for mayor.

Back in Cleveland yesterday from Norwalk, where he spoke Saturday night, the commissioner seemed well pleased with the action of the Democratic county executive committee in indorsing his candidacy.

Mr. Witt will not have an independent campaign committee. He expects to work with the Democratic executive committee and to make his campaign with its assistance and cooperation. He has not yet begun to outline his campaign.

Tippecanoe club members will vote on officers for 1915 from 4 to 8 p. m. tomorrow. Ballots will be cast at the club rooms in the Engineers building. The nominee for president, Paul Howland, has no opponent. Other officials to be elected include fifteen directors, a sergeant-at-arms and a commander.

State Representative Edward Bohm of the Cuyahoga county delegation expects to introduce in the general assembly, as early this week as possible, a bill providing for one day's

rest in seven. He is working on another bill to extend the work of state employment offices and to establish regulation under the industrial commission of private employment agencies.

Cleveland associates of United States Senator Theodore E. Burton will watch for signs of a "Burton boom" at a banquet to be held in Washington Jan. 29 by the Ohio society of that city.

Word reaches here that such a development is a possibility. Among the speakers is to be Senator W. Borah of Idaho, who talked of Senator Burton as a presidential possibility when speaking at a Republican meeting in Canton just before the election of last November.



# REDUCE BUILDING PRICES TO GRANT LABOR TO NEEDY

Cleveland Supply Dealers Decide to Make Big Cut in Cement, Sand, Tile and Crushed Stone.

Special Advantages Will be Allowed Lot Owners Who Agree to Begin Construction Soon.

AS RESULT, EMPLOYMENT BOOM IS FORECASTED

House to House Canvass Said to Fill Many Jobs.

Sweeping reductions in the prices on building materials, announced yesterday by the Cleveland Builders Supply Co., is the first step of a campaign by that concern to boom building and give work to thousands of men out of employment.

Prices on cements, limestone, crushed stone, sand and sewer pipe have been reduced from 10 to 25 per cent. Other building supply companies are expected to follow the lead of this company.

Beginning today a force of men will start work making a survey of vacant lots in all sections of the city. Lot owners will be supplied with data to show them for how much less they can build now than when the regular building season opens in the spring.

Bankers will be approached in an attempt to induce them to be more lenient with respect to granting loans.

**Mill Wheels to Start.**  
So sure are the officials of the Builders Supply Co. that the campaign to force the season three months will meet with a general response that this morning a number of the company's brick, tile and cement mills, which have been idle for weeks, will be put into operation, giving employment to more than 100 men at the outset.

Included in this plan will be an attempt of the company to work in co-operation with the city and the unemployment commission to have the city award contracts and have work go forward almost immediately on \$850,000 worth of sewer building.

According to W. T. Rossiter, secretary-general manager of the company, the company will offer sewer pipe at such a reduction that the additional expense the sewer work would incur at this season of the year will disappear.

"While this company is beginning to resume work at once at its mills on account of the price reduction," Mr. Rossiter said, "it will likely take a week or two for the idea to catch hold, but we feel sure when we show a lot holder that he can build at this time so much more cheaply that the

saving will pay the first year's interest he has to meet for his loan with which to build, there will be a general loosening up.

"The prices we are quoting are the lowest I have ever known. Labor is plentiful now. The plan will not only give employment to many, but will better enable builders to handle an abnormally large building boom that is anticipated this spring."

## Give Price Reductions.

Here are the reductions in materials this firm has made: Portland cement from \$2 to \$1.60 a barrel; bulk lime from 40 cents to 30 cents a hundred; hydrate lime from 22 cents to 20 cents a sack; crushed stone from \$2 down to \$1.65 a ton, and lake sand from \$1.75 down to \$1.25 a ton.

Fifty Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Thomas Sparrow yesterday went to the homes of 140 men and twenty women with assignments of jobs provided through the state-city free employment bureau.

One hundred men will go to work this morning in Gordon, Edgewater and Wade parks. Payment for this

## ASK \$1,983,000 TONIGHT

Councilman to Introduce Ordinances for 1915 Work.

Ordinances to issue bonds for improvements for the year 1915, totaling about \$1,983,000, are to be introduced in council tonight.

Over \$1,000,000 is to go for sewers and paving. For parks \$50,000 in bonds are to be issued, the garbage department will get \$30,000 and \$40,000 is to be voted to purchase the Barker property on St. Clair-av N. E., needed for the mall.

Councilman P. V. Kalina expects to introduce a resolution to ask Mayor Newton D. Baker whether he considers it advisable for the city to wait longer for a decision by the state public utilities commission as to the reduction of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.'s rate to 3 cents. The alternative would be submission to the voters of a bond issue to purchase the illuminating company's plant.

Councilman A. J. Damm will have a resolution asking the county commissioners to extend the time for paying taxes from Jan. 20 to Feb. 20. He will also request the council committee on finance to select a firm to make this year's independent audit of city books, and to report to council on the selection. It is expected the special committee that investigated the Madison-av N. W. explosion which cost eleven lives will report tonight.

# IDLE ARMY TO BE HELPED BY ISSUE OF SEWER BONDS

Unemployment Commission Will Hold Conference Today— May Give Work to Thousands.

GIRLS TO MAKE CANVASS IN ALL PARTS OF CITY

Students of Sociology at Western Reserve Will Learn Conditions While Aiding Jobless.

Means to immediately sell \$850,000 worth of bonds to start new sewer work in order to give employment to several thousand men, will be decided on today at a meeting of the mayor's unemployment commission. Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and Street Railway Commissioner Witt will meet with the commission.

An effort will also be made today to stimulate interest in the house-to-house canvass for work, to be undertaken by volunteers. Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, who is in charge of the canvass, says that while 1,000 volunteers are needed to make the canvass a success, only 400 have been listed thus far. The volunteer canvassers will meet at 3:30 this afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, F. H. Goff, and Rev. E. H. Tippet, will address the workers, who will start the canvass immediately after the meeting.

Just how far the large employers of labor are prepared to go in carrying out the relief plan formulated by the commission, is another matter to be discussed today.

## Slow in Responses.

"I think the employers have failed thus far to respond to the appeal as we had hoped they would," Chairman Goff of the commission said yesterday. "Many manufacturers have to their disadvantage retained all their present help and employed additional men, but notwithstanding, the employers as a whole have failed to realize the ultimate loss to the community to be occasioned through failure to give some form of employment to the 15,000 or more heads of families who are in need.

"That this number of heads of families or anything like it are without employment, means that from 40,000 to 50,000 persons are suffering from the lack of food and necessities. This in the end is going to tell on their earning capacity and make some of them dependents, candidates for hospitals or relief agencies.

"The community has failed to realize the picture as I see it. Many do not believe there are so many destitute or see the size of the unemployed problem. I don't believe we are going to gain anything by concealing it. Perhaps we have underestimated the situation and consequently do not realize it fully."

## Seek \$50,000 Loan Fund.

In addition to a report from the subcommittee which has been seeking to enlist the co-operation of employers, a committee formulating a plan to establish a \$50,000 loan fund, will report progress to the commission today. It is proposed to have bankers handle a fund to be loaned without

interest to responsible unemployed men, or to merchants and manufacturers who by obtaining more funds may be able to convert raw material on hand into stock against future orders. This it is pointed out would give means of employment to hundreds of men.

While the commission is in session, it is expected the county commissioners will be discussing starting immediate work on a new bridge in Brooklyn, to give employment to about 130 men.

Notices to 200 men to be put to work in the parks this week with funds provided by the unemployment commission, were sent out yesterday by Superintendent Hennessy of the State-City Free Labor Exchange.

## 100 Men Go to Work Today.

One hundred men will start to work today, and work three days, when a second hundred will take their places. This plan has been decided on in place of working the entire number of men in two shifts.

Fifty men will work in Gordon Park, twenty-five at Edgewater Park and twenty-five in Wade Park. Cards notifying the men they have been given work were carried to the homes by Boy Scouts under the direction of Thomas Sparrow, scoutmaster.

Registration of unemployed persons has been discontinued temporarily at the labor exchange until those registered have been given work. Only those bearing letters of indorsement from responsible persons or organizations will be registered this week.

## Girls to Conduct Canvass.

Among the volunteers who will conduct the house-to-house canvass for work is a class of thirty girls, studying sociology at the College for Women of Western Reserve University. College authorities offered their services, believing the girls will gain valuable insight into conditions.

It is proposed each canvasser be assigned to about seventy-five calls. They will carry application cards for persons who may need workers to fill out and mail to the State-City Free Labor Exchange. On the reverse side of the card the poster urging support for the work campaign is reproduced. It contains suggestions as to how unemployed men and women may be given work around homes by the co-operation of neighborhood groups.

"Most of our help thus far has come from householders or neighborhood groups," Mr. Burns said yesterday.



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## MAYOR'S DELAY IN NAMING PLAN BODY ATTACKED

Townes to Introduce Resolution  
in Council Tonight Asking for  
Explanation of Failure to  
Carry Out Charter Clause.

"CITIZENS WILLING TO  
SERVE WITHOUT SALARY"

County Commissioners to Be  
Asked to Extend Time Limit  
for Paying Taxes.

Failure of Mayor Baker to carry out provisions of the city charter requiring the naming of a city plan commission will be criticized in a resolution to be introduced in the city council tonight by Councilman Townes.

The resolution will call for a report from Baker as to why the charter is being disregarded in this respect. Townes says that important improvements are being held up by the lack of a planning commission. The charter confers great powers on the commission in the platting of streets, extension of parks and the location of public buildings. The council passed an ordinance authorizing the appointment of a commission of seven members several months ago. Baker has delayed naming members, claiming that the city is without funds.

"Citizens Would Donate Services."  
"Citizens would be glad to serve on the commission without pay and they could be given the services of a paid engineer to look after details without great expense," said Townes yesterday. "The commission should be named at once."

Bond issues totalling \$341,000 will be authorized in legislation to be submitted to the council. The bonds are for fire, park, garbage and street opening purposes. The issuing of \$675,000 worth of bonds for paving and sewer improvements will also be approved by the council committee on finance today.

County commissioners will be asked to grant a further month's time extension for the payment of taxes in a resolution by Councilman Damm. He will also ask the committee on finance to work out plans for a continuous audit of city finances. The sum of \$15,000 has been appropriated for this purpose.

Protests Rate Appeal Hearing.  
Councilman Kalina will introduce a resolution calling for a report on the cause of delay in obtaining a hearing before the state public utilities commission in the rate appeal of the Illuminating Company. The company appealed from the city ordinance establishing a minimum rate of three cents per kilowatt hour for electric current.

Public hearings on the proposed tenement house code drafted by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be held by a special committee of the council tomorrow.

## DEMOCRATS TO RUN CAMPAIGN OF PETER WITT

Peter Witt's campaign for mayor will be conducted from now on by the democratic executive committee.

That statement came from Witt Monday, following announcement that the executive committee had indorsed Witt's candidacy late Saturday.

Democratic ward and precinct workers will meet Jan. 28 to indorse Witt and begin active campaigning. Mayor Baker will take the stump for Witt.

Before the executive committee acted, Congressman Bulkley, chairman, Ed. Haserodt, and other members conferred with Baker.

"I expected the indorsement because I felt I was entitled to it," said Witt. "I feel that I am entitled to the support of all Cleveland democrats. Harry L. Davis says he is a republican non-partisan, so I guess I'm a non-partisan democrat."

Nearly 2000 of the 2500 names necessary to place Witt on the ballot have already been obtained. Postmaster Murphy, Finance Director Coughlin, Haserodt and other democrat leaders said the organization will give Witt undivided support.

Republicans expect Miner G. Norton formally to enter the race at a dinner Jan. 30.

## COUNCIL IS TO ACT ON THESE MEASURES

Council Monday night is scheduled to:

Pass resolution urging Rufus F. Daves hotel association of Chicago to locate a 15-cent hotel in Cleveland.

Start legislation for constant audit of city finances.

Consider purchase of North

Randall car line for \$146,000.

Receive ordinances providing expenditure of \$1,983,000 for improvements in 1915, of which sum over \$1,000,000 will be for paving and sewers.

Consider resolution asking Mayor Baker's opinion as to whether city immediately should plan purchase of the Cleveland Illuminating Co. plant or await action of state utilities commission on light rate regulation.

## MORE FIRMS CUT MATERIAL COST TO AID JOBLESS

Four more builders' supply companies Monday joined the Cleveland Builders Supply Co. in making temporary reductions in prices.

If the hopes of these companies materialize, the building season will be advanced two months and thousands of skilled and unskilled workers will be given jobs before the end of January.

Fifty solicitors for these companies Monday canvassed contractors and vacant lot owners, urging them to make improvements now, when prices are 10 to 25 per cent lower than they will be in spring.

The additional companies in the movement are Cuyahoga Builders' Supply Co., Lake Erie Builders' Supply Co., Lakewood Masons' Supply Co. and Geist Cement Products Co.

### Materials Cheaper.

Materials affected by the slash in prices are Portland cement, bulk lime, hydrate lime, crushed stone and lake sand.

A mass meeting of 500 volunteer canvassers, who are to search for jobs for the unemployed, was to be held Monday afternoon in chamber of commerce auditorium.

Beginning Monday night the volunteers will make a four-day house-to-house canvass for odd jobs. Each worker will be responsible for a precinct. Calls for workers will be listed daily.

Preceding this meeting, the general unemployment commission met at the Hollenden to con-

## CHEAPEN MATERIALS TO AID BUILDING

fer with city officials regarding the possibility of getting \$850,000 worth of sewer construction under way at once.

Mayor Baker, Server Sidlo and Finance Director Coughlin discussed this possibility Monday, and were to report at the meeting.

### Need Private Aid.

"The work can be done if the extra expense entailed by borrowing money in anticipation of the sale of bonds and of doing the work in winter rather than in summer is met by private subscription," said Sidlo.

Canvassing manufacturers to ask them to create jobs also was to be discussed at the commission's meeting.

"A dozen manufacturers have found cleaning and whitewashing jobs for unskilled workers in their shops," said Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission. "We want others to do the same."

The banking committee Monday noon reported that while it was highly desirable that someone make emergency loans to needy unemployed, the committee did not believe that the loans should be made by the banks, but by private individuals. The committee suggested that a fund be raised for the purpose of making the loans to needy unemployed with only the signature of some responsible person as security.

Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland Monday said he had opened negotiations with the Cleveland Railway Co. for moving of their tracks on Euclid-av. As soon as this is done, Minshall says construction of sewers costing \$170,000 will begin.

Work for 500 will be given.

### To Receive Bids.

County Commissioner Metzger said bids would be asked at once on bonds for the Pittsburgh-Elyria-rd, Front Factory-st, Berea, and South Kinsman-rd. This work will cost \$331,000.

Council Monday night will receive legislation authorizing a bond issue of almost \$1,500,000 for city paving. This work also will be begun as soon as weather permits.

One hundred men began work in public parks Monday. They

will work three days, when their places will be taken by 100 other men, who will work the remaining three days of the week. Their wages, 25 cents an hour, will be paid from an unemployment fund of \$11,000.

Work at the new Fairmount reservoir, where 360 men were given work last week, was suspended Monday, due to soft soil, which prevented teaming.

Posters urging citizens to give odd jobs to jobless men were displayed in street cars Monday.



## BUILDING SUPPLY PRICE CUT WILL GIVE 1,500 JOBS

Fifteen hundred men will be put to work by the end of the week by five of Cleveland's biggest building supply firms and employment will be created for three or four times that number as a result of sweeping reductions in supply prices and the beginning of a campaign to urge vacant lot owners to institute building operations immediately.

Following the lead of the Cleveland Builders Supply Company, the Lake Erie and Cuyahoga supply companies, the Geist Cement Products Company and the Lakewood Masons Supply Company Monday announced cuts ranging from 10 to 25 per cent in effect immediately.

### Put Many to Work

Anticipating a stimulation of trade the Cleveland Builders Supply Company put 150 more men on its payroll Monday, the Cuyahoga Company increased its force 25 per cent, and other firms made similar increases, expected to total 1,500 in all.

"Price reductions will have a two-fold effect," declared Ralph P. Stoddard, secretary of the Society Advocating Fire Elimination, a leader in the movement for the cuts. "More workmen will be hired by building companies in stocking up and hauling material and hundreds of masons, carpenters and men of other building trades put back on the job. The society began Monday to canvass vacant lot owners to show them that the saving by building now will be greater than two years' interest on their money."

Under the new rates building material will be cheaper than in years past. Cement is cut from \$2 a barrel to \$1.60, crushed stone from \$2 to \$1.65 a ton, lake sand from \$1.75 to \$1.25 a ton, and bulk lime from 40 to 30 cents a hundred. Price cuts are made in every building material except common brick, and that has already been lowered.

"The cuts show that supply houses have the interest of Cleveland at heart," declared E. A. Roberts, secretary of the Builders' exchange.

Whether the city would begin work on \$850,000 (worth of sewer contracts was in abeyance Monday pending a decision of Service Director Sidlo and Finance Director Coughlin as to the legality and advisability of issuing emergency notes to meet the cost. Money from sewer bond issues will not be available until February, according to Sidlo, and emergency notes would have to be issued were the work to be started immediately.

### 100 Work in Parks

One hundred men were put to work by the city Monday in Gordon, Wade and Edgewater parks. They will be paid by the \$11,000 donated by Samuel Mather and F. H. Goff, chairman of the general relief committee. Wednesday another 100 will be put on.

Additional plans for the city's aiding the situation were taken up Monday noon at a meeting of the general relief committee at the Hollenden, with Goff, chairman. Neighborhood workers, stimulated in their efforts by letters sent out by Goff, were to meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 3:30 p. m. Monday to talk over plans and report progress.

Aid to the unemployed was seen in Councilman Damm's resolution, to be introduced in council Monday night, asking that County Treasurer O'Brien extend taxpaying time one month, to February 20.

## TIM M'DONOUGH FORCES DEMS TO APPROVE WITT

Cleveland Democrats Monday were expecting the announcement of Mayor Baker that he will support Traction Commissioner Witt's candidacy for mayor, perhaps even to the extent of taking the stump for him, as the next development of the winter mayoralty campaign.

To Baker is being given the credit for unifying the party's county executive committee and obtaining its indorsement for Witt. Shortly before the committee meeting late Saturday Baker conferred singly with Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, committee chairman; County Clerk Ed Haserott, considered a strong mayoralty possibility, and Witt.

That Witt is to work hand-in-glove with the McDonough-Gongwer faction seemed apparent Monday when he declared he will make Democratic headquarters, 118 Engineers' building, his headquarters. McDonough at Saturday's meeting pleaded for Witt's indorsement for the sake of party harmony.

Witt also broke the news Monday that Tom Johnson's propaganda is to be resurrected again and used as a crutch in his campaign. In expressing his pleasure at being indorsed by the committee, over which the McDonough-Gongwer faction exerts a regal authority, he said the indorsement was his rightly, because he stood for the things that were Tom Johnson's.

## HE CAN'T FIND WHO IS BOSS OF CITY'S WAGES

City Hall clerks are underpaid and common labor employed by the city overpaid, in comparison with private ventures, Mayor Baker Monday told Thomas Gibbons, vice president of the Ohio Minimum Wage league.

Gibbons, arguing before the board of control for a city minimum wage, learned from Baker that the board had no authority in the matter. Saturday Gibbons was told by City Law Director Stockwell that council had no power.

"Determination of a minimum wage should be vested in a state board," Baker said. "Living and labor conditions vary so greatly a sweeping set wage would not be equitable."

## START HOUSE VISITS IN SEARCH FOR JOBS

### Hundreds of Men and Women to Canvass Homes Today in Aid of Unemployed.

### Banks Make Building Loans Easier, Material Men Cut Prices.

Today the give-a-job movement as a community responsibility will be carried into the homes of Cleveland by hundreds of disciples of the doctrine that "it is better to give men work than charity."

Volunteer canvassers today start the work of finding jobs for the unemployed in the homes of the fortunate. Every residence street, every block, every house will be visited. Householders will be asked to hire one or more men or women of the great body of unemployed who are destitute in Cleveland in the heart of winter.

Every householder can find some job that he can give if he will but try is the thought the canvassers will urge.

A mass meeting of these canvassers was held in Chamber of Commerce auditorium late yesterday afternoon. It followed a meeting of the unemployment commission held at noon in The Hollenden at which the growing gravity of the unemployment problem was emphasized.

The canvassers were told by F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission, of a "chamber of horrors" in the basement of the city hall where men out of work stand pathetically all day long waiting for the chance to get a job that will help supply food and shelter for families.

### Relief Offices Next Door.

Next door to this "chamber of horrors," as Mr. Goff described it, are the offices of the city's charities, the outdoor relief department, where the absolutely despairing come for bread and coal.

"It is a hopeful sign of the manhood and womanhood of Cleveland that these men and women stand all day long patiently waiting for work instead of seeking charity next door," said Mr. Goff. "The men and women who are willing to do any work for any price make an appeal to all the people of Cleveland that cannot be smothered or ignored. Somehow, some way, we must give them work."

The canvassing campaign is based on an efficiency scheme. Each canvasser will carry employment cards to be filled out when jobs are found. These cards will be poured into the offices of the commission at St. Clair-av. N. E. and E. 6th-st. Then from the ranks of more than 10,000 registered jobless men and women on the records of the state-city free employment bureau the most needy will be selected to fill the jobs that have been found.

The persons to be sent into homes to do work will be worthy as far as possible to as certain. Every precaution has been taken to insure that vicious or undesirable persons do not gain access to homes under the mask of need.

Winter has been merciful to the unemployed of Cleveland was the senti-

ment that often found expression at the meeting of the unemployment commission yesterday noon. Heavy snows and bitter cold will bring unparalleled suffering, it was predicted.

The necessity for immediate action to hasten the work of giving jobs was reiterated.

Some work already undertaken by the city has had to be abandoned because of weather conditions, increasing the urgent need of making successful the efforts to make jobs in homes. Mayor Newton D. Baker and Tom L. Sidlo, director of public service, reported that the city is bound hand and foot against any further great efforts to give work because of the legal difficulties that would arise.

Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo were called upon by members of the employment commission to explain why the city several weeks ago had awarded a contract for 1,500 tons of steel for the new Division-av. N. W. pumping station to the McClintic-Marshall Co. of Pittsburgh at a bid of \$85,170, instead of giving the contract to a Cleveland firm.

Several members criticized the failure of the city to award the contract to a Cleveland firm even though the bids were higher.

Hope came with the report of the committee appointed to canvass large manufacturers when W. H. Prescott of the Saginaw Bay Lumber Co. said that by personal effort the members of this committee expected to furnish by Thursday 2,500 men jobs to last for five days.

The retail merchants board of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon pledged through its members jobs for 113 men. The board approved the give-a-job campaign of the mayor's commission and following the meeting notice was sent to W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the state-city free employment bureau that the 113 men would be taken on immediately. Fifteen of the largest stores in Cleveland will be represented in this first effort of the board for giving jobs.

Another optimistic development yesterday was the announcement by two of the largest Cleveland banks that they would join in encouraging the "build now" campaign by making the restrictions on loans for building operations less tight than they have been since Aug. 1.

These announcements follow the decision of the five largest dealers in building materials to make general reductions in prices to encourage winter building. The Cleveland Builders Supply Co. yesterday was joined in this announcement by the Lake Erie and Cuyahoga Supply companies, the Geist Cement Products Co. and the Lakewood Supply Co. All of these, anticipating a boom in business yesterday, were increasing their forces largely.

The Society Advocating Fire Elimination took the lead in inducing supply companies to reduce prices and banks to change their restriction policies. It is expected the changes will enable building to be done from 10 to 25 per cent cheaper than in summer.

The Guardian Savings & Trust Co. yesterday announced that in addition to allowing more leniency in loans, it immediately will cause work to be started on remodeling the New England building into the future home of the bank. This work, under the contractor's contract, might have been delayed for a year, but the bank officials recognized that starting operations now and giving work to several hundred men will be an important aid in relieving unemployment.

The state-city free employment bureau yesterday gave jobs to 130 men and forty-four women, reflecting the success of the give-a-job campaign. Before the mayor's commission undertook the problem the bureau seldom could furnish more than twenty-five or fifty jobs a day.

At the commission meeting yesterday noon it was suggested the commission make a more definite appeal to the public setting forth just what unemployment means to Cleveland and how a sympathetic attitude of the community can lessen the problem. E. C. Hopwood, member of the publicity committee, urged the commission to prepare daily a forceful statement to be published in a prominent place in all the newspapers.

Mayor Newton D. Baker told the commission the city was compelled to lay off several hundred men it had put to work at the Fairmount reservoir site because the soft condition of the ground made it impossible to use wagons in excavating work. Weather conditions also prevent the city going ahead with sewer, paving and other



operations, according to Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo. Consent of property owners is required on most projects and injunctions would certainly result if work under unfavorable conditions were attempted, the mayor said.

E. B. Greene, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co., reported for the committee on a bank emergency loan fund that the five bankers on the committee agreed it would be impossible for the banks to join in establishing such a fund. Among the reasons given it was said that national bank examiners would interfere. The committee, however, recommended that an emergency loan fund be established by general contributions to which bank officials and directors individually could contribute largely.

Mr. Goff, commenting on the re-

port, said that an emergency loan fund would be established and that contributions would be announced at the next meeting of the commission Wednesday noon. The finance committee was instructed to work out ways and means for establishing the fund.

To enlist the schools in the give-a-job movement, members of the commission are to confer with the board of education. Rev. Minot O. Simons reported D. C. Westenhaver, president of the board, had informed him the plan to present the matter in the schools conflicts with the board's policy.

## COUNCIL TO WARN CITY'S DIRECTORS

Finance Committee Gives Notice Overdrafts Will Not be Tolerated.

'Live Within Appropriations' to be Slogan This Year.

"The mayor and director of finance shall supervise all departmental expenditures and shall keep such expenditures within the appropriations."—Cleveland city charter, section 46.

Directors of the six city departments will receive warning letters from the council committee on finance today giving notice that there must be a general compliance with the section of the city charter that requires departments to live within the appropriations fixed by the council.

Overdrafts in 1914 amounted to \$246,000 and Chairman A. J. Damm of the council committee on finance announced yesterday he would demand that departments this year operate within the appropriations fixed by the city council for the year 1915.

In addition he charged the city operating deficit of \$1,000,000 is largely due to a policy of overdrawing accounts that has been followed for some years past.

"The departments must live within their allowance or the whole appropriation system becomes a farce," he said. "The council committees have given many weeks to the preparation of an appropriation ordinance determining just how much should be expended by each department. If the departments are permitted to borrow money toward the close of the year all our efforts are useless. There is going to be a new policy this year. Overdrawing of accounts will not be tolerated."

The letter will be sent to departments heads this morning by City Clerk Richard E. Collins.

## BAKER WILL TAKE STUMP FOR WITT

Indorses Railway Commissioner as His Unqualified Choice for Mayor.

Republicans See Ructions Unless Fusion Candidate is Named.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday expressed for the first time his own choice as to his successor. He came out openly and strongly for Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt.

Mr. Baker will not content himself with a mere indorsement. He intends to participate in the coming campaign, speaking for Mr. Witt and urging his election.

"Since 1899," said the mayor in a brief statement, "Peter Witt and I have fought side by side for the things in which we both believe."

"I do not know of one of the remarkable things which have happened in Cleveland in the last fifteen years—modernizing and remaking its government and asserting and protecting the public right—which has not been aided by his advocacy."

"I shall do everything I can to bring about his election as mayor."

This position of the mayor was expected and the action of the Democratic executive committee Saturday in indorsing Mr. Witt indicated definitely what Mr. Baker's attitude would be. Until yesterday he had said nothing, however, to show his opinion.

Mayor Baker's statement assures for Candidate Witt the solid backing of the forces of leadership of the present administration.

Arrangements were being made yesterday to change the date of the Democratic mass meeting at Acme hall, when Democratic precinct committeemen will be asked to approve the executive committee's indorsement of Mr. Witt, from Jan. 28 to Feb. 4.

Mayor Baker wrote Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, asking whether the new date would be convenient for him. Mr. Bulkley expects to return from Washington for the meeting.

In talking of a possible fusion candidate for mayor, Republicans express a conviction that if both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton continue in the race, there will be born in the Republican party in Cleveland a bitterness that will last for years.

The opinion is voiced daily among Republicans that before campaign time really arrives, there will be pushed to the front a candidate who will be able to combine the Republican forces and bring about the withdrawal of both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton.

These officers have been elected by the Fifth Ward Republican club: Louis Spilker, president; Louis Simon, first vice president; Fred Dewart, second vice president; August Maubauer, third vice president; Albert Young, secretary; W. J. Delaney, treasurer; Fred Hellman, sergeant-at-arms.

The officers will act as delegates to the League of Republican Clubs. The club, which meets at 2818 W. 25th-st., has decided not to indorse a mayoralty candidate.

Tippecanoe club members are to ballot from 4 to 8 p. m. today to elect a president, fifteen directors, a commander and a sergeant-at-arms for 1915.

Paul Howland, former congressman, recently was nominated by a committee for the presidency, but because of business arrangements found it impossible to accept. F. A. Henry, former judge of the court of appeals, was nominated, and his name will be voted on today. He will have no opposition.

The Republican executive commit-

tee of Lakewood at a meeting last night decided to hold a Lincoln day banquet Feb. 12. It is planned to have as speakers, if possible, ex-Ambassador Myron T. Herrick and Attorney General Edward C. Turner of Columbus.

## COUNCIL GOES ON RECORD FOR DOGS

Votes Down Ordinance to Suppress Strays and License Others.

Adopts Resolution Calling for Investigation of City's Finances.

Stray dogs will not be suppressed. Dogs will not be licensed by the city.

The ordinance which sought to accomplish these purposes was defeated by council last night by a vote of 17 nays and 9 yeas. The fight for the ordinance was headed by Councilman John Durkin and Chairman J. E. Smith of the committee on health and sanitation.

A resolution calling for investigation of the city's borrowing and general financial policies was adopted. A special committee consisting of Councilmen Damm, Reynolds and Townes will conduct the inquiry. The committee will determine whether a policy of retrenchment can be applied and will inquire into the financial methods of the city. Shortly before the adoption of the resolution the council authorized the issuance of \$325,000 street improvement bonds. Ordinances authorizing the issue of \$1,474,000 additional bonds were received. Sale of these bonds and other bond issues authorized by council will bring the total city debt to \$52,000,000.

A resolution urging the county commissioners to extend the time for the payment of taxes to Feb. 20 was adopted by unanimous vote. If the suggestion is not accepted by the commissioners taxes must be paid tomorrow. The resolution was offered by Councilman A. J. Damm, who also offered a resolution authorizing the council finance committee to consider the appointment of expert accountants to conduct the independent audit of city accounts.

Councilman P. V. Kalina offered a resolution asking the mayor to state whether the council should take action in the matter of purchasing the property of the Illuminating company or wait until the state utilities commission announces its decision in the rate regulation case. The resolution was adopted.

The resolution fixing the minimum wage of city employees at \$2.50 a day was tabled following the reading of a report from the council committees on labor and finance announcing the city law director had ruled the council had no jurisdiction. The board of control, the law director holds, has the power to fix the salaries as provided in the resolution. Thomas Gibbons of the Ohio Minimum Wage league appeared before the board of control at a meeting yesterday morning. The mayor, speaking for the board, stated that the plan could not be carried out.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of the model allotment property at Union-av S. E. and E. 116th-st was received. There are eighty-five acres in the tract.

The ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the Kingsbury run property to be donated to the city by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad was referred to committees because of the remonstrance filed by a number of citizens.

A resolution by Councilman David Moylan urging the Rufus F. Dawes Hotel association of Chicago to locate a 15-cent hotel in Cleveland was adopted.

A resolution by Councilman Clay-

ton C. Townes asking Mayor Newton D. Baker to explain why a city plan commission has not been named was tabled.

A resolution was adopted calling on the director of public utilities to take up with the United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. the matter of having the work awarded the concern by the city handled in the Cleveland shops instead of out of town. The resolution was offered by Councilman J. W. Reynolds.

Councilman E. A. Meyers offered a resolution asking the street railway commissioner to state whether fenders used by the street railway are of the type required by the city ordinance.

The council sustained Mayor Baker in his veto of the ordinance regulating the storage and handling of celluloid. An invitation from the Cleveland Aquarium association to attend the meeting at the Chamber of Industry Jan. 29 was received.



# CITY IGNORES JOBLESS IN BUYING STEEL

**\$65,000 Contract Given  
to Pittsburg; Unem-  
ployed Disregarded.**

## CITIZENS IN PROTEST

**Cleveland Banks to Boom  
Building Operations by  
Making Loans Easy.**

Members of the mayor's unemployment commission yesterday asked city officials to explain why, in the face of admittedly serious unemployment conditions in Cleveland, big city contracts have been awarded to outside firms.

This question was put up to Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and City Engineer Hoffman, at a meeting of the commission at noon. The contract specifically referred to was the awarding to the McClintic-Marshall Company, of Pittsburg, of a contract for 1,500 tons of steel for the Division street pumping station, at a bid of \$65,170.

Criticism of city officials in their attitude toward the unemployment problem was followed by the announcement that a committee of employers has started a campaign which is expected to result in the employment of 2,500 men for at least five days each.

**Will Be Test of Men.**  
This will be in the nature of a test of the worthiness of the thousands of men who have represented themselves as destitute and unable to find work.

A resolution passed last night by the city council asks a report from the director of public utilities as to whether the United States Cast Iron and Foundry Company, which has a \$75,000 pipe contract with the city, cannot be induced to manufacture the piping in its Cleveland plant. The company's Cleveland plant is closed and the Cleveland work is being turned out at the company's plant in Scottsdale, Pa.

A resolution introduced by Councilman Damm was also passed last night, asking the county commissioners to extend the time of paying taxes one month because of the distress due to unemployment.

Other developments yesterday in the efforts to relieve the unemployment situation were:

The launching of the house-to-house canvass for work, with 525 volunteer canvassers enrolled.

Rejection by the banks of a plan to establish emergency loan fund.

Declaration by Chairman Goff of the commission that the loan fund will be started tomorrow with substantial support.

Plea that board of education be asked to permit school children to form clubs and aid in the house-to-house canvass for work.

Report that only meager results have been obtained through "endless chain" letters.

Announcement that the city

may be able to start \$80,000 worth of sewer work within a month.

Announcement by various banks that they would aid all building efforts by extending loans wherever possible.

The first request for an explanation from city officials as to why the Division street pumping station contract was placed outside of Cleveland came from Chairman Goff.

### How Detroit Helps.

This was followed by a declaration from Charles E. Adams that Detroit is solving its unemployment problem by giving city contracts to Detroit firms.

"The Division street steel contract could have been cared for in Cleveland, and would have been welcome," Mr. Adams asserted.

Director Sidlo admitted the steel contract had been awarded after the efforts to relieve the employment started.

"We have not unlimited discretion in the matter of accepting bids," Mayor Baker said in reply to the commission. "We must award contracts to the lowest and best bidders. We cannot let our ideas that there is distress in Cleveland permit us to fail to abide by the law." He declared the Division street contract had been awarded with this in view.

"If we fail in a large way to help the really destitute and deserving, we must have recourse to a fund. Our final recourse, Mr. Mayor, is to the city," Chairman Goff declared during the discussion.

"Can the city help more than it has done so far?" Mr. Goff added, assuring the city officials that business men were ready to defray the added cost of starting projects immediately which had been contemplated in the spring.

Director Sidlo told the commission that legal complications would prevent the marketing of \$850,000 of sewer and street repair bonds in time to begin work so as to relieve the situation.

He assured the commission, however, that about \$30,000 worth of sewer work will be started within a week, and that there is reasonable hope of undertaking \$80,000 worth of city work within a month. Street and sewer repair work is impractical at this time, he told the commission, because of weather conditions.

"You are entitled," he said, "to ask private employers to do as we are doing, overhauling old equipment and making inside repairs even at a slight advance in cost by reason of the season."

He asserted the city is pushing the letting of all subcontracts to Cleveland people only. One contractor, he said, has expressed an unwillingness to start sewer work because of weather conditions.

"We are in emergency times," Chairman Goff told Sidlo. "Private employers are being asked to put extra men on. Again I urge you to canvass all departments to see if added work cannot be given by the city."

### Reports on Conference.

Results of the closed conference of employers held last Friday were recited to the commission in a report by W. H. Prescott, chairman of the subcommittee on employers. These conclusions were set forth in the report:

First—That while we may differ in opinions regarding the causes which have resulted in so great numbers of unemployed \* \* \* we do think the present condition serious.

Second—That the general question of the unemployed is too complicated for solution in a short time by any committee, however sincere or competent, and should not be expected.

Third—That since these men have registered expressing not only desire, but urgent need for work, we feel that if they were

all given work, if for only a short time, much might be accomplished in the way of relief and \* \* \* the facts regarding the real situation would be obtained.

Therefore, in addition to what has been done, we recommend that employers of labor, whether running full time or short, whether in need of men or not, add to their working force a definite number of men, five hours a day for five days.

If for any reason, these prefer not to put these men to work in their own factory, this committee will find employment for the

men and report to them the work being done, they to pay for same.

The report was signed by Mr. Prescott, J. J. Stanley, Samuel Scovil, Charles E. Adams, A. C. Klumph, W. H. Cottingham, S. T. Nash and Victor Sincere. Mr. Prescott reported that efforts of the committee yesterday resulted in the securing of immediate work for 100 men.

The report of the committee on an emergency loan fund, submitted by E. B. Green as chairman, informed the commission that Cleveland banks are not disposed to back such a fund, suggested for the purpose of loaning money to responsible unemployed men.

The committee recommended that support should come from individuals and that the national bank examiners would not approve banks taking part in the fund. Bank officials as individuals should aid it, however, the committee recommended.

### Goff Certain of Fund.

"I differ with this committee and with the judgment of the men in New York who rejected such a proposal," Chairman Goff said. "There will be an emergency loan fund in Cleveland and some substantial contributions will be reported at our next session, on Wednesday." He urged immediate working out of a plan to administer the fund.

Mr. Goff also indicated yesterday that the commission will resume efforts to raise a \$100,000 work fund, which was temporarily abandoned last week. City officials assured the commission that the city could give work to all men the commission could raise funds to employ.

"I am surprised to see how feebly the public has responded to the appeals thus far," Mr. Goff said. "I cannot conceal the disappointment I feel at the response which has been made."

"There are not very many resources left. I have favored the immediate raising of a fund. Those wiser have thought otherwise and I have abided by the judgment of the commission. As I see it, however, we are approaching a crisis."

### Volunteers Hear Talks.

Rev. E. H. Tippet, Mr. Goff, Miss Florence Allen and Allen T. Burns were principal speakers at a mass meeting of the house-to-house canvass volunteers held at the Chamber of Commerce following the session of the commission.

Goff, in outlining the situation, called the State-City Free Labor Exchange a "chamber of horrors."

He used this expression, he said, because of the impression he gained by watching the hundreds of men and women who throng the place daily in the mere hope of getting work.

The canvass which started last night will be conducted according to precincts, one canvasser and an assistant handling one precinct. Five hundred more canvassers are needed. Reports of the work found by the canvassers will be submitted to the commission tomorrow.

Members of the Cleveland Retail Merchants' board yesterday asked the City-State Free Labor Exchange to furnish them 110 men for work this week. This action followed the board's approval of the relief plan by which 2,500 men will be given five days' work as a test.

## MAYOR WILL OPPOSE TENEMENT LICENSES

The proposed licensing of tenement houses will be opposed by Mayor Baker today when a special committee of the city council meets to consider the tenement house code drafted by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce.

The ordinance has been pending before the council for six months. Definite action will probably be taken after the meeting today.

# COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO BREAK UP ARSON RING

**Force of Fire Wardens Is Doubled  
by the Addition of Seven  
New Men and  
Chief.**

## MODEL ALLOTMENT HOME DREAM DROPPED BY CITY

**Members Authorize Investigation  
Into Cleveland's Bonded Debt  
After Voting Issues.**

Doubling of the city's force of fire wardens in an effort to break up the alleged arson ring, blamed by fire officials for a dozen or more serious fires within the past month, was authorized by the city council last night.

The ordinance calling for the immediate appointment of seven additional fire wardens and a chief warden at a salary of \$1,800 a year was passed as an emergency measure. The new wardens are to be named by the department of public safety today.

### Bond Indebtedness Probe.

The council also authorized an investigation of Cleveland's bonded indebtedness after voting \$675,000 worth of paving and sewer bonds and receiving legislation for additional bond issues amounting to \$1,317,000.

The resolution asking that the council decide upon a policy of retrenchment was introduced by Councilman Townes a month ago and approved by the council committee on taxes and assessments yesterday. It recites the fact that the city's debt has increased each year and that interest charges this year will amount to \$1,474,000.

Councilmen Damm, Townes and Reynolds were named on the committee, which is to go into the entire question of civic debt. Bond legislation referred to the committee on finance includes \$1,017,000 street improvement bonds, issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, \$200,000 fire department bonds, \$100,000 park improvement bonds and \$30,000 worth of bonds for the establishment of substations for the collection of garbage.

### Allotment Dream Broken.

Cleveland's dream of a model municipal allotment which was to be a death blow at city tenements, was shattered last night when the department of public service asked for permission to sell excess property adjoining the proposed boulevard con-



necting Woodland Hills and Garfield parks.

This tract, comprising thirty acres, was acquired by the city for the purpose of laying out a model allotment, where homes for workingmen were to be erected and rented at cost. The tract originally cost the city \$120,000. An additional \$30,000 is to be spent on the proposed boulevard.

City officials in abandoning the model home project, say they expect to derive enough from the sale of the tract to more than pay for the project.

The Durkin ordinance licensing dogs and providing for the impounding of stray dogs was voted down last night, 17 to 9.

Legislation authorizing expenditures of \$48,000 for coal for various city departments was passed. The council tabled Councilman Towne's resolution asking Mayor Baker to explain why he had failed to name a city plan commission, in accordance

with the provisions of the city charter.

Councilman FitzGerald announced that he would make a fight to have contracts for an independent audit of city finances let by competitive bidding. The council voted to empower the finance committee to prepare plans for putting the audit system into effect.

#### Wants Independent Audit.

Councilman Meyers charged that fenders on interurban cars do not comply with the city ordinance and asked for a report from the street railway commissioner on this subject.

Preliminary legislation for the elimination of the Ivanhoe road grade crossing of the Nickel Plate Railroad was introduced. Adverse reports were made on legislation to construct motorboat harbors at E. 9th street and E. 40th street.

**T**HERE are two doors leading into different rooms in city hall.

One leads to the outdoor relief department, where charity is doled out in the form of coal, shoes and groceries. One thousand have entered this door this winter. They have asked for charity.

The other door leads to the city-state free employment bureau, where applications are received for work and where jobs—if there are any—are given out. Over 20,000 men and women have entered this door this winter and 11,000 of them have stated they were destitute. They have asked for work.

Both classes are entitled to that for which they ask. The community has not done its duty by them. That men and women must beg for food and plead for work is a community disgrace.

The burden of providing for jobless and hungry folk

must be assumed by the community, not for their sake, but because the community loses them every day they are unemployed.

The elected head of this community is the mayor.

We believe it is up to Newton D. Baker to be effective to relieve the unemployed, and to now

A committee named on recommendation of the foundation has found itself unable to undertake the jobs among private corporations.

The largest corporation in Cleveland is the city land, and the city of Cleveland can, if it will, work to rescue men and women and little children from the of hunger.

Many profound and interesting reasons have been given by Mayor Baker and his subordinates why they can

## What Council Did Monday Night

Here is business transacted by council Monday night:

Passed ordinance increasing fire wardens from six to fourteen.

Passed ordinance providing bond issue of \$350,000, city's share of paving in 1915.

Passed Townes' resolution asking appointment of committee to report on cause of increase in bonded indebtedness and recommendations for lowering it.

Passed Moylan resolution asking Rufus R. Dawes hotel association to build 15-cent hotel here.

Passed resolution asking county treasurer to extend tax paying time.

Voted to ask mayor to report

on whether legislation for purchase of plant of Cleveland Illuminating Co. should be started now or whether city should wait until company's rates are regulated by state utilities commission.

Referred Meyers' resolution asking tractioner to report on whether fenders on interurban cars comply with city ordinances.

Tabled report providing minimum wage for city employees.

Killed by vote of 17 to 9 ordinance regulating dogs running at large.

Voted \$200,000 bond issue for new fire department improvements, \$117,000 for sewerage, \$900,000 for paving, \$100,000 for park improvement bonds, and \$30,000 for sewage disposal.

## Young Men After Seats in Council

Young men will be out after the scalps of their elders in the coming councilmanic campaign.

Earl A. Foster, twenty-six, is preparing to run against Councilman Robert Foster in ward 24. Larry Deering, twenty-five, 5816 Linwood-av, is out for the chair held by E. A. Meyers in ward 22.

Gordon W. Ruthenberg, twenty-four, 1846 Ansel-rd, probably will be a candidate against Councilman William B. Woods in ward 20. Francis Brady, twenty-six, attorney, expects to run against Councilman John F. Durkin in ward 21.

## BAKER TO OPPOSE TENEMENT LICENSE

Mayor Baker and Building Inspector Allen Tuesday were to oppose a clause in the proposed tenement code requiring a city license for such structures.

The code was to be considered late Tuesday.

"Its object," Allen said, "is to improve living conditions in flats and apartments, and is not to hinder construction or raise revenue."



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much to relieve the unemployed.

We now propose that the mayor and council turn their attention to finding ways by which they CAN relieve the unemployed.

Most any man can think up reasons why he can NOT do a difficult thing.

It takes real ability for a man to discover how he CAN do a difficult thing.

Believing that Mayor Baker and his subordinates have the necessary ability, if they will exercise it, The Press suggests that now is their supreme opportunity to exercise this ability.

For example—

Mayor Baker may be able to find a way by which the \$1,500,000 of paving work which is to be done in 1915 can be started NOW.

He may be able to find a way by which the \$500,000 of sewer work to be done in 1915 can be started NOW.

Money is on hand for the roadway at the end of Hough-av. Server Sidlo says this work can't be done now, because a culvert must be built of concrete, and concrete can't be poured in winter.

Why not build the culvert of some other material?

Nickel-plate crossings are to be eliminated. Before this is done sewers must be moved. Why not start moving those sewers NOW?

The public parks need an unlimited amount of work which could be done profitably NOW.

It's a wonderful opportunity to be of service to the community, Newton Baker.

Are you equal to the opportunity?

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## BAKER HITS CITY LIGHT WITHOUT KNOWING IT

Mayor Baker unwittingly "bawled out" the municipal light department for ripping up Euclid avenue near East 9th street at this time of the year, thinking the illuminating or telephone companies were to blame, in addressing members of the unemployed relief committee late Monday.

As an instance of why the city cannot undertake street repair or sewer work in winter, Baker cited the Euclid-East 9th opening and started to explain how the pavement couldn't be replaced properly until spring. When some one informed Baker the city light department was to blame he took another tack.

## WITT TO GET SOLID DEMOCRATIC BACKING

Mayor Baker's statement that he will take the stump for Street Railway Commissioner Witt, candidate for mayor, means Witt will receive the solid backing of the leaders of the present administration.

Baker's announcement came after the Democratic executive committee's indorsement of Witt on Saturday. Baker declared Witt is a man after his own ideals, and that he will do everything in his power to assure Witt's election.

Congressman Bulkley was expected to reply to Baker's request to attend the Democratic mass meeting here, at which the committeemen will be asked to rally to Witt's support. The date has been changed from January 28 to February 4.

## Funds to Help Jobless and Reports of Canvass to Be Considered Today

Mayor's Unemployment Commission Will Hold Special Session—Employers' Committee Secures Five Days' Work for 2,500 Men—1,000 Canvassers Needed, Says Burns—"Art Stone" Instead of Sandstone for Brooklyn-Brighton Bridge Suggested to Create Work.

Establishment of a \$50,000 free loan fund, a decision as to whether to proceed with the raising of a \$100,000 work fund, and the first report of the house-to-house canvass for work by volunteers, will be considered today by the mayor's unemployment commission.

The commission is also to hear a report from the employers' committee, headed by W. H. Prescott, which is expected to show that five days' work has been obtained for 2,500 men. Work for 737 men to begin tomorrow was obtained yesterday through the efforts of Mr. Prescott and Victor Sincere, another member of the employers' committee. Mr. Prescott said last night that he expected 2,500 men would be assured work by noon today.

### Firms Agree to Employ.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company has agreed to employ fifty additional men, and a number of other companies will take on from five to fifty, in accordance with the recommendation of the employers' committee. The report of this committee, submitted Monday to the unemployment commission, has been prepared in letter form and 500 copies were mailed to employers yesterday.

The Warner & Swasey Company, 5809 Carnegie avenue, yesterday announced that it will employ 500 skilled workers, principally machinists, immediately. Charles Owen, manager of the company, yesterday asked Superintendent Hennessy, of the State-City Free Labor Exchange, for a list of his registered unemployed men. The company will take as many from this list as will suit the requirements.

F. M. Clapp, mayor of Shaker Heights village, said last night the village council will consider pushing \$650,000 worth of proposed street paving work in order to give work for unemployed men. The council will meet next Tuesday night. One hundred and thirty-five bids on the work were opened last night.

The first report of the results of the house-to-house canvass for work, will be received this morning by Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, who is in charge of the canvass.

Beginning tomorrow, the various organizations which the volunteer canvassers represent will keep in touch with them by telephone. Reports will be made daily by mail, but a mass meeting of the canvassers is planned for Saturday to make a general report of progress and plan work for next week. It had been hoped at first that the canvass could be completed in a week, but it is believed another week will be necessary because not enough canvassers have volunteered.

Today's session of the commission at the Hollenden Hotel at noon, is regarded as the most important since the commission began operations. Chairman Goff has promised that announcement will be made of substantial contributions to start the \$50,000 free loan fund which the banks have refused to support.

Opposition is expected to develop on the proposal to proceed immediately with the raising of the \$100,000 work fund which was abandoned last week after Samuel Mather and Mr. Goff contributed \$11,000 to it.

### Differ as to Work Fund.

Some members of the commission are known to be opposed to further delay in raising the fund, while others are known to favor waiting until the outcome of the house-to-house

canvass, and five-day work plan of the employers is known. It is pointed out that the several hundred men given employment by the city recently are being paid from the original \$11,000 contribution to the fund.

An effort to have the committee indorse the proposal of Samuel Halle to have all permanently employed persons give one day's pay to the work fund, is also expected to result in considerable debate before the commission. Some members favor asking employers to make contributions to the fund compulsory.

The county commissioners yesterday agreed to take under advisement, requests that they use art stone, a concrete mixture for ballustrades of the new Brooklyn-Brighton bridge. Use of this material, it is declared would give 100 Cleveland men immediate employment for six months, while use of sandstone would take the work out of Cleveland.

It is declared the use of the art stone would save \$6,000 for the county. The bid on the sandstone was \$47,000, as against \$41,000 for the art stone, by the George Rackle Sons & Co. Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor and a member of the unemployment commission, appeared before the commissioners yesterday to urge the use of the art stone.

Making of covered boxes for stable refuse by unemployed men was suggested yesterday to Director of Public Service Sidlo by Dr. Jean Dawson, promoter of the "swat-the-fly" campaign.



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## HOWE SAYS CITY SHOULD CONTROL LAKE FRONTAGE

Cleveland should rise in a united protest against the holding of the lake front by the railroads and take action to recover from them what rightly belongs to the people, Dr. Frederick C. Howe, federal commissioner of immigration, told members of the Chamber of Commerce at their weekly luncheon yesterday noon.

In the evening Dr. Howe was the guest of the City Club, the Immigration League, the Cosmopolitan Alliance and the Council of Sociology at a banquet at Hotel Statler. He spoke on his experiments at the immigration station on Ellis Island since his appointment ten months ago. Mayor Baker presided.

At the noon meeting in the Chamber of Commerce he said in part:

"The lake front is being held by those who do not use it but prevent others from using it," he said. "The water front should be preserved for all the people as a promenade way, recreation center or purely for amusement. If the city cannot gain its end by a united protest, it should force the railroads to release their hold by taxation."

"The beautiful cities of Europe are those which own their water fronts and spend colossal sums in their improvement. German cities also designate certain sections for factory sites. The city itself usually buys the land at agricultural prices, lays it off and builds railroad spurs and sidings so that the smallest manufacturer can secure a good site at a relatively small cost."

"Were Cleveland to undertake such an industrial development in connection with water and rail transportation, it would add to its industry and population more rapidly than by any other means."

## HENRY WILL HEAD TIPPECANOE CLUB

Former Judge Elected President of Republican Organization.

Willis Tells Leaders Here Patronage Won't Come if They're Divided.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Frederick A. Henry, 1817 E. 63d-st., former judge of the court of appeals, yesterday was elected president of the Tippecanoe club.

Mr. Henry is ill at his home. He was not told last night that he had been nominated and elected without opposition.

Club members voted from 4 to 8 p. m., casting their ballots at the club rooms in the Engineers building. These directors were chosen for 1915:

John A. Alburn, W. H. Boyd, Rev. Dr. Dan F. Bradley, Senator Theodore E. Burton, James H. Cassidy, William R. Coates, Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, ex-Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, Frank D. Matz, Henry Horne, Paul Howland, F. W. Watson, James Wood and John Jaster. E. C. Forbes and Monroe Curtis received an equal number of votes for the fifteenth place among the directors. The tie will be decided later.

Emil Robeck was named sergeant-at-arms and Herman Klau, commander.

The new directors will meet the last of this week or the first of next, to choose a secretary, treasurer and two vice presidents.

The naming of former Judge Henry for the presidency means, if he accepts the election, that he will preside at the club's McKinley day banquet, set for Feb. 6.

The Tippecanoe club is one of the oldest Republican organizations in Ohio.

Word yesterday was that Gov. Frank B. Willis has adopted an attitude which is equivalent to an ultimatum to Republican leaders in Cuyahoga county.

It was declared the governor will not recognize the indorsement by any leader here of candidates for appointive positions, and will make no appointment from this county until the factions of the party have united.

This puts it directly up to the Republican leaders themselves to get together or go without patronage recognition.

If the governor intends to maintain such a stand, there are likely to be early indications that representatives of the Maurice Maschke faction, the Dan R. Hanna interests and the original Willis group are bestirring themselves with a view to solidifying the Republican ranks.

Republicans yesterday were inclined to consider the report of Gov. Willis' attitude a natural development in the governor's plan to establish party harmony in this county.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt sent a bundle of his petitions for mayor to Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building yesterday. The Democratic county executive committee expects to take hold immediately to boost the Witt campaign.

Petitions will be distributed from party headquarters to workers of the Democratic county organization. They will be handed out in quantities also at the Democratic mass meeting to be held in Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st., probably Feb. 4.

## FAVOR CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT CRIME

City Authorities and Members of Welfare Council Discuss Problem.

Special Day May be Devoted to Gaining Public Interest.

What are Cleveland mothers and fathers and big sisters and brothers going to do about it? What are churches going to do about it? What are school authorities of Cleveland going to do about it?

Crimes against society, being committed every night by boys under 17, all coming from Cleveland homes, caused city authorities and representatives of the Cleveland Welfare council at a meeting yesterday in city hall to arrange for a city welfare meeting at the City club Friday, Feb. 5.

Plans for a crime prevention campaign were outlined in a general discussion at yesterday's meeting which was called by the Welfare council executive committee. It was decided all welfare agencies connected with the Welfare council and persons in Cleveland interested in the several phases of this work would be asked to take part in the public discussion.

The main address is to be given by Chief of Police W. S. Rowe, who first called attention to the crime situation. This situation, he asserts, cannot be handled as an ordinary police problem.

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch also will be asked to address the meeting. Plans may be laid for starting the movement with a crime prevention Sunday in all churches.

Crime statistics will be furnished ministers by Secretary W. H. Winans of the department of public welfare.

In addition, committees may be named to outline definite school, industrial and social center programs. Chief Rowe favors compulsory industrial training and the establishment of a training farm near the city at which boys could be given agricultural schooling.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds proposed yesterday that the vocational guidance bureau be made a branch of the public school work so boys and girls could be trained definitely for vocations and occupations to which they seem by nature best fitted.

While Welfare council representatives were discussing crime prevention plans yesterday, Tom Lewis, chief probation officer, was making public recent crime figures.

He points out the past ten days have resulted in an unprecedented number of arrests of boys under 17 charged with felonies.

Here is the list: Boys arrested for burglary, 22; for horse stealing, 5; for robbery, 2; for being out nights, 4, and for delinquency 8.

"Most of these boys," said Mr.

Lewis, "are from well regulated families. They're allowed to hang around street corners and go wrong. Tell Cleveland mothers to keep their boys indoors nights."

Those present at yesterday's meeting were Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the Welfare council; Rev. Minot O. Simons, C. W. Williams, Allen T. Burns, Mayo Fesler and W. H. Winans.



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## PROVIDE MANY FIVE-DAY JOBS FOR DESTITUTE

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, Wednesday announced \$8000 more had been given to the unemployment fund, making a total subscription of \$19,000.

The donors are J. H. Wade and H. M. Hanna, retired capitalists. Wade gave \$5000 and Hanna \$3000.

W. H. Prescott, chairman of the employers' canvass committee, announced that five-day five-hour-a-day jobs had been found for 1334 workers. They will be paid 25 cents an hour. By Wednesday night Prescott said he hoped to have positions for 2500 destitute unemployed. The Press was one of those making provision for work for jobless men, giving 100 work.

In addition to the 1334 jobs found, job solicitors reported manufacturers had put 800 men to work full time since the beginning of the job crusade.

F. A. Pease, engineer of Shaker Heights village, Wednesday said contracts for \$668,000 worth of paving, sewer and water main work will be awarded by the village council Wednesday night.

"As much work as possible,

such as grading, sewer and water pipe laying, will begin at once," said Pease. "One thousand men ought to get jobs as a result of this work."

Goff told the unemployment commission which met at the Hollenden at noon that a loan fund of a satisfactory amount will be raised. He made no announcement of subscriptions, however. Money will be loaned from the fund at six per cent, he said. Chattel mortgages or notes based on character will be accepted.

Goff expected to thrash out with the committee a plan for raising an unemployment fund by popular subscription.

"The sums donated thus far have not been the result of a public appeal," he said. "If a general appeal is made I favor asking every employed person to donate. That would mean a real community effort."

Tom Farrell, member of the commission, said the federation of labor would oppose any plan by which employers were made collecting agencies.

Gov. Willis Wednesday wrote Victor Sincere, chairman of the public works committee, that he has advised the board of administration to do all work possible at once in order to relieve unemployment. This may mean employment of men at Newburg state hospital.

County commissioners Wednesday received a letter from the Bates & Rodgers Co., contractors of Brooklyn-Brighton bridge, in which the contractors promised to have 175 men working by March 1 if the county does its part.

The county must prepare fills. Men will be started immediately at this work.

The King Bridge Co., contractors for the high level bridge main span, reported steel is on hand and everything in readiness to begin work as soon as the main pier is completed, which will be about March 1.

## BAKER STARTS MORE CITY WORK TO AID JOBLESS

Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo Wednesday worked out a plan by which the city can do work which they formerly had feared it was impossible to do in winter.

The Press Tuesday called upon Mayor Baker to start more city work to relieve unemployment.

Server Sidlo said Wednesday he would undertake preliminary grading of a roadway at the end of the Payne-av car line for which \$15,000 has been appropriated.

Mayor Baker said he would arrange a conference with W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel-plate railroad, to work out a plan by which preliminary grade-crossing elimination work can be started at once.

Baker insisted that legal and engineering difficulties make it impossible to go forward with \$2,000,000 worth of sewer and paving construction contemplated for 1915. He further said the city could not borrow money on short term notes to make park improvements.

He made this statement: "I realize that it is my duty to use every power the city has to

provide employment.

"I and my associates have been and are doing all we can. Work has been found for several hundred men. As rapidly as other work can be done it will done."

## CITY MAY SELL BONDS DIRECT TO INVESTORS

### DIRECTOR STOCKWELL EXPLAINS BONDRULING

By City Law Director Stockwell

The victory of the city establishes the city's right to sell its securities to satisfy any or all of its obligations. It makes certain that power is lodged in the city officials to protect at all hazards the city's credit. The decision denies to a person attempting to attack the transactions of the sinking fund commission the right to show the commission's motive in making the sale.

Clevelanders may have an opportunity early in the spring to buy improvement bonds of small denominations direct from the city. Supreme court Tuesday paved the way by holding that the sinking fund commission may sell securities as well as buy them.

The suit was an action to restrain the commission from selling \$500,000 muny electric light bonds.

Law Director Stockwell Wednesday suggested a way of eliminating what may be an obstacle in the way of sales over-the-counter in small denominations.

The law provides city bonds shall be issued in denominations of not less than \$100.

"Under our home rule charter," Stockwell said, "I believe the city has the right to determine the denomination of its bonds. We can issue bonds in denominations of \$10 and up, or \$25 and up, and have a test case to determine our latitude."

Coughlin said he would recommend the direct-to-the-people sale in raising funds for improvements next spring.

This eliminates the danger of improvements which do not meet the approval of big business being blocked by refusal of financiers to buy the large-denomination bonds.

## Du Pont Escapes Auto Law Penalty

A. B. du Pont, former city consulting engineer and friend of Tom L. Johnson and Mayor Baker, pleaded guilty in police court Wednesday to violating the traffic ordinance.

Patrolman Smith testified du Pont had left his auto standing in front of Weber's cafe, 242 E. Superior-av, for 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Du Pont, who had been sitting on the witness bench for a half hour before court opened, hastened to the judge when his case was called. Du Pont was all smiles.

"I had lunch with Carl Nau," du Pont explained to Judge Kramer.

"We talked over some business and left together. I had intended removing my car from the congested district, but forgot it."

"I'll fine you \$5 and costs, but will suspend sentence on condition that you don't violate the ordinance again," said Judge Kramer.

## \$8,000 MORE IS ADDED TO FUND TO AID JOBLESS

Homer Wade and H. M. Hanna Give Big Sums; Dollar Is Sent Anonymously

### MANUFACTURERS FIND WORK PLACES FOR 1,000

Public Work in City and Suburbs Soon Expected to Give Jobs to Hundreds

Chairman Fred H. Goff, at Wednesday noon's meeting of the mayor's unemployment relief committee at the Hollenden, said that \$8,001 more had been contributed to the fund to help provide work for the jobless. Samuel Mather started this fund with \$10,000. Goff gave \$1,000 more, so the fund now stands at \$19,001.

The gifts reported Wednesday were: Homer Wade, \$5,000; H. M. Hanna, \$3,000, and an anonymous contribution of \$1.

### Get Jobs for Many

Charles H. Prescott of the Saginaw Bay Company, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, reported great progress in the committee's telephone canvass of manufacturers for work for the jobless. He said about 1,000 jobs already had been procured and he hoped to raise this to 2,500 in a day or two.

Among the firms which have agreed to employ men at once are: Illuminating Company, 50; Warner & Swasey Company, 50, to be increased from day to day until 500 are employed; William Taylor & Son company, 25.

### To Decide on Loan Fund

Whether the proposed fund to lend money to jobless men of good character is to be established probably will be determined before the meeting ends. Sentiment continues to increase in favor of it.

The city soon will advertise for bids for 8,000 tons of steel for the new Clark avenue bridge. This job will furnish work to many as soon as the steel arrives. Shaker Heights village council will consider at once pushing \$500,000 worth of proposed street paving. The county commissioners are considering whether to substitute art-stone for sandstone on the new Brooklyn-Brighton bridge. This will save the county money and also provide work for many Cleveland men.



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—Fred C. Howe

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## CITY MUST PAY \$65,000 BONUS ON FILTER PLANT

Cleveland must pay the John F. Casey Company, Pittsburg, approximately \$65,000 bonus for completing concrete work for the Division avenue filter plant over five months ahead of schedule time, it was said Wednesday at City Hall. The extra amount, Utilities Director Stage said, will be determined early next week.

Councilmen, on learning of the huge bonus, criticized utilities department engineers for not figuring the time more accurately and Stage for writing such a big bonus as \$400 into the contract. Under Casey's contract the time limit was July 1, with a daily bonus of \$400. Although the work was completed last week little direct benefit can be gained, it is claimed, because advanced work cannot be undertaken until spring.

"Evidently somebody in the utilities department blundered," declared Councilman Dittrick. "When an engineer can't figure time within five months it's high time he quit. One hundred dollars a day would have been enough bonus."

Councilman Bernstein said he favored writing penalties but not bonus clauses into all city contracts. A great deal of urgent city work could be done with the \$65,000 to be paid Casey, Bernstein claimed.

## CONTRIBUTORS ADD \$8,000 TO JOBLESS FUND

Commissioners Discuss Plans to  
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OPINIONS DIFFER VASTLY  
ON WAYS TO HELP CAUSE

Thomas Farrell Vetoes Scheme to  
Ask Workers to Contribute  
One Day's Pay.

Methods to be used in raising \$100,000 to put unemployed men to work on public projects will be definitely decided upon today by the mayor's unemployment commission. Strong opposition to Samuel Halle's proposal to have the fund raised by contributions of one day's pay from wage-earners prevented the commission from adopting a plan yesterday.

The fund now has \$19,026 as a nucleus. Of this amount, \$10,000 was contributed by Samuel Mather, \$1,000 by E. H. Goff, \$5,000 by J. H. Wade and \$3,000 by H. M. Hanna. Mr. Goff, as chairman of the unemployment commission, announced the donations from Mr. Hanna and Mr. Wade yesterday. He also announced the receipt of \$25 from the First Hungarian Reformed Ladies' Society and \$1 in an anonymous letter.

Developments at the session of the unemployment commission yesterday were:

Announcement by W. H. Prescott that the employers' subcommittee has secured work for 1,334 men. These will start work today.

Report that house-to-house canvass, begun Monday, has netted work for only forty-five men.

Announcement by Chairman Goff that ample money has been provided to start \$50,000 free loan fund.

Declaration by commission that work fund must be expended only on public work of permanent nature.

Announcement of Thomas S. Farrell that labor unions will oppose plan to have wage earners, as a class, raise employment fund.

Announcement that moving picture theaters will display posters urging aid for the work campaign.

Wide differences of opinion developed among members of the unemployment commission yesterday when Chairman Goff asked the body to decide how the \$100,000 work fund shall be raised.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, expressed strong opposition to the proposal to raise the fund by having all wage earners contribute a day's pay for the relief of those less fortunate.

"The workingmen feel the commission is passing the responsibility to them," Farrell declared. "The appeal should be made generally and not directly to the wage-earner. There is not much difference between the wage earner of today and the fellows in the bread line."

"This suggestion is one I would resent in my official capacity. In effect it would be compulsory on employers and I believe would vitiate

the efforts of this committee. There must be no interference from up above with the wage earners. The contributions must come voluntarily."

Allen T. Burns, Miss Belle Sherwin, Miss Myrta Jones, Samuel Halle and Mr. Farrell were named a committee to formulate a definite plan to raise the fund. They will meet this morning and report to the commission at noon today.

Some of the suggestions offered yesterday for raising the fund were:

Installing boxes in stores and factories for voluntary contributions.

Soliciting through house-to-house canvass organizations.

Appointing of employees' committee in each factory and store to raise fund from wage earners.

Distribution of pledge cards among factory and store employees.

Conducting of separate campaigns among employers and employees.

Printing of donation coupons in newspapers.

Chairman Prescott, of the subcommittee on employers, reported that the committee had secured at least five days work for 1,334 men to begin today, and told the commission that he expected to be able to report that 1,000 more men will be employed tomorrow. Many employers, he said, have recently added from 500 to 800 men to their forces without making the fact public.

All the men employed today are to be paid daily and a careful record kept of their efficiency. Those who prove unworthy will be black-listed. Those who prove faithful the committee plans to keep at work during the winter.

Following the announcement that only forty-five situations had been secured through the house-to-house canvass, Chairman Goff said that despite all that has been done the effort is not going to measure up to the need.

"We must go further, or quit and say we've done all we can do," Mr. Goff declared.

A letter from Governor Willis promising co-operation with the efforts of the commission was submitted by Victor Sincere. In part the letter read:

"I quite agree with your suggestion that whatever practicable work is contemplated for any time within the next few months should be undertaken now, if it is of such a nature as to be handled properly during the winter months."

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Three hundred men register at the State-City Free Employment Exchange will be put to work this morning. Superintendent Hennessy said that 100 of these will replace a similar 100 who went to work in the city parks Monday. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company is to employ fifty, the Cleveland Railway Company fifty, the Willard Storage Battery Company twenty-five and the King Bridge Company, Cleveland Hardware Company and National Electric Lamp Association a similar number.

Hennessy's office placed 231 men at work yesterday, out of 243 calls received. His office also found work for fifty-nine women.

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## 'CITY RECORD' SEEKS TO BRIGHTEN UP PAGE

City Clerk Collins, editor of City Record, wants to brighten the pages of the publication in to hold subscribers.

"Unless we print something besides routine board of control council proceedings I fear that will lose our paid subscribers," Collins, yesterday. Civil eligible lists were recently added to the contents of the paper.

## MAYOR CITES BIBLE ON JOB

Reads From Leviticus  
Critics of His Unemployment Stand.

The tenth verse of the sixth chapter of Leviticus was quoted Mayor Baker yesterday in reply to critics of his administration for failure to solve the unemployment question here.

This verse from the Bible reads: "But the goat on which the lot to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement with him, and to let him go the scapegoat into the wilderness."

Further than this the mayor will not discuss the city hall's attitude toward the question.



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# MAY LOAN MONEY TO CITY'S JOBLESS

Citizens Willing to Establish  
Cash Fund for Desti-  
tute Persons.

Work Contributions Boosted  
by Gifts of \$8,026  
From Four.

Announcement of four unsolicited contributions to a fund for giving work to destitute men and women was made yesterday noon at a meeting of the unemployment commission in The Hollenden. These contributions total \$8,026. This brings the fund up to \$19,026.

Prompted by receipt of these gifts, Chairman F. H. Goff of the commission appointed a temporary subcommittee to consider the advisability of having the commission immediately begin a campaign for funds to be used in this way.

Other announcements of importance made at yesterday's gathering were:

That of W. H. Prescott of the Saginaw Bay Lumber Co., stating that 1,334 jobs had been obtained through his subcommittee. These places were offered by manufacturers.

That of Chairman Goff, stating citizens whose names he did not have the liberty to divulge, will make preparations to establish a loan fund for the use of men and women out of work.

That of Allen T. Burns, stating but thirty-five jobs had been reported as a result of the house to house canvass. Later in the day this number was raised to forty-two.

The 1,334 jobs obtained by Mr. Prescott's committee will be doled out in this manner: Five hours' work a day for no less than five days, payment to be at the rate of 17 1/2 cents an hour.

Manufacturers who have offered the jobs at these terms consider it will be an "acid test" to determine the percentage of jobseekers who are earnest in their search for situations. A large number of these men will go to work this morning.

They will be supplied through the state-city free employment bureau. The men will be put through rigid examinations as to their need and willingness to work. Need, fitness and willingness will determine whether these men will be kept on the companies' pay rolls.

In making his report, Mr. Prescott asked recognition of the fact between 500 to 800 men have been put to work since the give-a-job campaign began without the numbers being reported to the commission.

J. H. Wade contributed \$5,000 to the work of the commission, Mr. Goff announced; H. M. Hanna telegraphed from Thomasville, Fla., he would send a check for \$3,000. Mrs. Frank Zooka, 2642 E. 89th-st., brought \$25 to the meeting from the First Hungarian Reformed Church ladies' society. Mr. Goff received an anonymous gift of \$1 by mail.

This money was turned over to Col. J. Sullivan, president of the Superior Savings & Trust Co. All four gifts may be used as the commission sees fit.

In announcing the establishment of a loan fund, Chairman Goff said: "I am not at liberty to announce the possible contributors to such a fund will be. On account of the present importunities, perhaps it is just as well that it should be this way."

"If it is not the banks themselves that will provide for this, it will be through people connected with banks. The fund will be ample, but here must be no misunderstanding about it, it is not to be charity. Men who want to borrow money must show credentials of character or offer security on their small belongings, if they have any."

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to measure up to the need.

A letter from Gov. Frank B. Willis was read by Victor W. Sincere. The governor was asked last week to hasten whatever state work is to be done in and about Cleveland. The letter read:

"I quite agree with your suggestion that whatever practicable work which is contemplated at any time within the next few months be undertaken now in case it is of such a nature as to make prosecution of it in the winter months not impracticable."

"I am therefore calling attention of the board of administration to your communication that wherever practicable work expected to be done at any time in the near future be undertaken now."

Secretary Thomas S. Farrell of the Cleveland Federation of Labor said trade union men oppose raising a fund to pay for city jobs that men may be given work.

"Labor men feel this committee is attempting to turn over the responsibility to someone else," the secretary said.

Mr. Farrell pointed out at the meeting that concerns would engage in rivalry to exceed each other; that the plan proposed recently by S. H. Halle and supported yesterday by Mr. Sincere, to have employees give a portion of their wages to such a fund, might lead to coercion. Miss Myrta Jones agreed with Mr. Farrell in this belief.

"When the big employers met here Friday to discuss this situation they could have determined to meet the responsibility," said Mr. Farrell. "Instead they met behind closed doors. They knew if they met this responsibility this year they would be called on to do it again."

"We are making history. I want to

see it made right. This country is great for precedent, and I want to see the right sort of precedent established. What is done now may influence law making later."

In answer to Mr. Farrell's objections, Mr. Sincere and Rev. Worth M. Tippy said a campaign for funds conducted in the usual manner would take too much time, organization and that pledges of gifts would be forthcoming instead of immediate funds.

The only agreement reached by the committee was that there should be a fund started to be used on immediate municipal improvements; that contributions should be voluntary from all classes of citizens.

The subcommittee will meet this morning at 10:30 in another effort to outline a method of procedure. If a final agreement can be reached the committee will report to the commission at noon. Whatever final action is taken will be largely decided by just how much the contributions to the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy would be stunted by a campaign for funds.

Figures presented by Mr. Burns and furnished by W. F. Hennessy of the state-city bureau showed that of 114 investigations of that number of applicants for work eighty-two were destitute; twenty-four could not be found; three did not need work; two did not deserve work; two had found work and one was sick.

Mr. Goff said that before Dec. 18, when first publicity of the need for jobs was given, the bureau was offered on an average of thirty-three jobs a day. Since that date the average has been 107 and since Jan. 6, when the give-a-job movement was begun, the average has risen to 142.

Yesterday the bureau placed 231 men and fifty-nine women. The federal employment bureau yesterday gave farm jobs to two men.

Contracts were awarded last night for \$668,000 worth of sewer work in Shaker Heights village. F. A. Pease, engineer of the village, said as many men as possible will be put to work at once.

Work on the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge will be hurried, it was announced yesterday. Mayor William Minshall of East Cleveland said attempts are being made to hurry sewer work in that suburb.

Mayor Newton D. Baker said continued efforts will be made to get municipal jobs under way that will not be hindered by the weather.

## MOVE FOR POLICE CADETS

Councilmen to Offer Resolution  
Provide Funds.

First steps in establishing a police apprenticeship or cadet system in Cleveland will be taken at Monday night's meeting of city council with the introduction of a resolution by Councilman P. V. Kalina transferring \$7,500 from the \$15,000 fund for the independent audit system to the fund for payment of salaries of policemen.

Both Councilman Kalina and Councilman David Moylan, member of the committee that is to consider the question of establishing the independent audit system, believe an expenditure of \$15,000 for this audit would be unwarranted.

Councilman Moylan said yesterday \$5,000 would be ample. "I am going to suggest Monday night that \$7,500 be allowed, but if Mr. Moylan favors allowance of but \$5,000 for this service I am willing to make the change," Councilman Kalina.

# CLINE FALLS INTO MAYORALTY FIELD

Tumbles Among Racers With  
Little Warning, Startles  
Opposing Camps.

Republican Issues Carefully  
Prepared Petitions With  
Boost Attached.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Petitions for John A. Cline for mayor appeared yesterday, surprising both Democrats and Republicans.

Mr. Cline, Republican and former county prosecutor, when visited by a committee last week, declared he did not intend to enter the race now. He explained that when it came time for campaigning, if there should be a call for him to which in justice to his private and business affairs he could respond, he would become a candidate.

The sudden appearance of his petitions led to speculation as to whether Mr. Cline might not have indicated more to the Republicans who want to back him than showed on the surface.

Only a few of the Cline papers were put out yesterday. It was understood they were to be distributed for general circulation today and tomorrow.

The petitions were printed specially, Mr. Cline's name and address being displayed in type instead of writing. Attached to each is a printed statement concerning Mr. Cline's qualifications.

The statement says the former prosecutor's record in office was indorsed by the newspapers of Cleveland, and there follow several quoted paragraphs.

"Isn't this the kind of a man you want for mayor of the city of Cleveland?" the leaflet concludes.

Mr. Cline is the third Republican with his name at the top of a mayoralty nominating petition. Papers for Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton have been out for some time.

Democrats expect that at the mass meeting to be held Feb. 4 in Acme hall, Peter Witt, with a rattling political speech, will "take over" bodily the mass of Democratic organization precinct workers.

That is what leaders are counting on. They look to Mayor Newton D. Baker to help, and the mayor's and Candidate Witt's speeches will be the outstanding features of the gathering.

Democratic organization leaders will not try to force indorsement of any candidates for appointments upon Ed S. Wertz, Democrat, who is to succeed U. G. Denman as United States district attorney. If Mr. Wertz expresses a willingness to listen to suggestions from the organization in naming either of his assistants, someone will be put forward.

It is declared that in such an event F. W. Poulson, assistant police prosecutor, would be in line for organization backing. Mr. Poulson is a candidate for appointment as first assistant to Mr. Wertz.

Peter Witt was indorsed for mayor last night at a meeting of the Eighth Ward Democratic club. President J. S. Murray of the club presided. The Seventeenth Ward Tom L. Johnson club also indorsed Witt at a meeting last night at E. 55th-st and Halsey-north-av S. E.

The Slovak Seventh Ward Democratic club met at 2335 W. 11th-st. These officers were elected: Andrew Novak, president; A. S. Korney, vice president; Charles Kubik, secretary, and Andrew Martin, financial secretary.

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# DEBATE PLANS TO RAISE BIG FUND FOR JOBS

The special committee in charge of raising a \$100,000 fund to be used in finding work for needy unemployed reported Thursday that no available plan for raising the money has yet been found.

At a meeting of the general unemployment commission Thursday noon, Allen T. Burns, chairman of the committee, asked another day in which to arrange a plan.

The committee discussed means all Thursday morning. Several members favored the plan advanced by Samuel Halle of the Halle Bros. Co. that each wage earner should set aside one day's wage for the fund. Tom Farrell, committee member and secretary of the federation of labor, opposed it, charging it would exert coercion in making employees donate.

The federation of labor, at a meeting Wednesday night, voted against such a move, Farrell said.

## Give Jobs to 325.

The state-city free employment bureau Thursday gave jobs to 325 men, all of whom are destitute and have been out of jobs from one to four months.

Fifty-three jobs, the majority of them steady work, were found by house-to-house canvassers Wednesday, making a total of 82 from this effort.

The Concon gave work to 50 additional men.

Mayor Baker Thursday postponed his conference with Nickel-plate officials because of the absence from the city of Frank B. Carpenter, general counsel. Baker is going to try to induce the railroad to begin preliminary grade-crossing elimination immediately.

City Engineer Hoffman was to inspect the grading job at the end of the Payne-av car line to see how much of this work can be done now.

Officials of the Farr Brick Co. Thursday reported 20 persons have told them they are going to proceed this month with building planned for spring.

# Cline Mayoralty Petitions Out

A committee headed by H. D. Williams of H. D. Williams & Co., opticians, 37 Colonial Arcade, was circulating petitions Thursday nominating John A. Cline, ex-county prosecutor, for mayor.

"Cline told us he would be a candidate for mayor if we showed him there was a real demand for him," said Williams. "We propose to show him this demand by

getting the signatures of at least 20,000 voters to petitions for him."

If the committee obtains 20,000 names there is little doubt Cline will announce his candidacy in the early spring.

The eighth ward democratic club Wednesday night unanimously indorsed Tractioner Witt for mayor.



## ASK MEN AT WORK TO HELP JOBLESS

Members of Citizens' Committee Desire Donations to \$100,000 Fund.

Socialist Invites Mayor and Commission's Head to Debate.

Clevelanders, all who are drawing salaries and wages or incomes from any source, will be asked to contribute to a \$100,000 fund to be used in giving work to the unemployed.

Following a long discussion yesterday by members of the unemployment commission, an agreement was reached to put into operation a campaign for funds along the lines first suggested ten days ago by S. H. Halle of the Halle Bros. Co.

Particular emphasis was placed on the determination to have the campaign conducted in factories, shops and department stores, so there will be no trace of coercion.

Employees and employers will be asked to request paymasters to subtract from their wages a day's pay or part of a day's pay to help those less fortunate.

Four members of the commission, Allen T. Burns, Miss Belle Sherwin, Mr. Halle and Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, will formulate plans for carrying out the fund campaign.

At the meeting yesterday it was agreed tentatively the campaign should last one week, but the date of its inauguration has not been settled.

How is the money to be used?

Mr. Farrell asked the commission this question. Two suggestions, both embodying the idea of municipal improvements which, without the establishment of the fund would not be made for several years, were made in answer to the question. One came from W. D. Sayle and the other from Miss Sherwin.

"I would suggest," said Mr. Sayle, "that the money be used to beautify some spot the city otherwise would not improve for years because of a lack of money."

Miss Sherwin was of the opinion the money should be used to build small neighborhood parks in the congested districts.

At the fund subcommittee's meet-

ing in the morning and at a meeting of the commission at noon in The Hollenden all were agreed that a fund should be raised, but Mr. Farrell repeatedly injected the objection wage earners might be subjected to coercion by the plan.

Finally, after assurance that every possible step will be taken to let wage earners know that their contributions shall be purely voluntary and strictly within the incomes of the prospective donors, Mr. Farrell withdrew his objection.

Chairman F. H. Goff at the conclusion of the meeting said he was of the opinion the move not only will make work, but also stimulate a greater pride among park users and be an incentive to keep municipal spots in better condition.

A contribution of \$500 received yesterday from Charles W. Wason, 1218 Citizens building, raised the total of funds that have been given the commission towards its work to \$19,526. The campaign for funds will aim to obtain \$100,000 above this sum.

While the commission was considering the unemployment problem, C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Cleveland Socialist party, was sending letters to Chairman F. H. Goff and Mayor Newton D. Baker asking them to debate on the unemployment situation Sunday afternoon in the Grays armory with Fred D. Warren, former editor of The Appeal to Reason.

Several complaints were received yesterday from men who were put to work on the so-called "acid test" jobs furnished by large employers to learn the percentage of men who need employment and will work if they get work to do.

The state-city bureau yesterday had 324 jobs for men offered and filled 307 of the orders. Sixty-one jobs for women were offered and thirty-five filled.

Large employers yesterday offered work to forty-five additional men. The house-to-house canvass has netted jobs for 103 men and women. It is believed, however, the canvass has prompted the hiring of many more for odd jobs than figures show.

Mr. Burns yesterday informed large employers who have offered "acid test" jobs, that they will have to give their orders for men forty-eight hours before they want workmen.

## INCOME FOR DAY ASKED OF ALL TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Relief Board Decides on "Lend-a-Hand Week" for Contributions.

\$100,000 FUND EXPECTED

Factory Meetings to Be Held to Explain Compromise Plan to Workers.

An appeal to every citizen of Cleveland to contribute one day's income to make up a fund of at least \$100,000, has been decided on as the best means of solving the unemployment problem in Cleveland.

This decision was reached yesterday by the mayor's unemployment commission, only after every other means of raising such a fund had been rejected. Members of the commission agreed at first only as to the necessity of such a fund and for a time blocking of progress was threatened because of wide differences of opinion.

The plan adopted yesterday was a compromise on the proposal of Samuel Halle to have the fund raised by a donation day on which all wage earners would deposit one day's pay to aid unemployed persons.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, led a successful fight on this plan as originally proposed on the ground that it would place the greater responsibility on the wage earners rather than on the employers.

### "Lend-A-Hand Week."

He also objected to having the contributions from wage earners collected through the offices of the employers and was upheld in his contention by J. J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, and other members of the commission.

The campaign to raise the fund is to last a week and is to be designated as "lend-a-hand week." The money so raised is to be used in putting destitute unemployed persons to work on public improvements of a permanent nature, particularly in parks.

"Persons who contribute to this fund are in the broadest possible sense casting their bread on the waters," Chairman Goff, of the commission said yesterday, "because the contribution will return two-fold in making Cleveland a more beautiful, cleaner and better place to live. The money is to be applied for the benefit of not one section but for all Cleveland."

The fund already contains \$19,526 contributed from various sources. The latest contribution was an unsolicited donation of \$500 from Charles W. Wason, traction magnate. The gift was made through F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission. A force of fifty, previously unemployed men, have been at work this week in several city parks, their wages being paid from the fund.

### Many Suggestions Made.

Many suggestions as to means of raising the fund were considered by the commission yesterday. Some of the suggestions were:

Conducting a campaign

through the Federation of Charity and Philanthropy.

Imposing a voluntary "work stamp" tax on tobacco, food commodities and dry goods.

Holding factory and store meetings to organize employees as solicitors.

Printing contribution coupons in daily newspapers.

Holding a mammoth ball at one of the armories.

The time of starting the campaign has not been determined, but in the meantime any contributions will be received by J. J. Sullivan, president of the Central National Bank, who is treasurer of the commission, or Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission.

Samuel Halle, who suggested the plan originally, volunteered to begin organizing retail merchants for the campaign.

Mr. Farrell agreed to waive opposition to having contributions handled through offices of stores and factories, provided the employees decided on that plan themselves. He declared, however, that he would never agree to any proposal to pay the men benefited by the fund less than 25

## INCOME FOR DAY ASKED TO AID UNEMPLOYED

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cents an hour for common labor, the price paid by the city.

Miss Belle Sherwin, a member of the commission, urged the creation of neighborhood centers and playgrounds with the fund, suggesting that the first work could be done in Kingsbury run.

Confusion which resulted yesterday from the efforts of Superintendent Hennessy of the State-City Free Labor Exchange to fill orders for several hundred men on short notice, will hereafter be guarded against by having Hennessy notified forty-eight hours in advance of the time any large number of men are wanted. Hennessy's department yesterday placed 307 men and thirty-five women at work.

### Men Tested for Five-Day Period.

Part of this number were given work through the efforts of the employers' subcommittee, of which W. H. Prescott is chairman. Work for 1,334 men has been secured thus far, through the efforts of this committee. The men are to be employed for five days, and a record of their efficiency kept, to separate the worthy from the unworthy.

Fifty men employed yesterday by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, were put to work shoveling coal from one side of a yard to the other. This is ordinarily done by machinery. The company, however, agreed to make some sacrifice to aid the general relief plan. The idea of hiring all unemployed men for a five-day test period originated with Samuel Scovil, president of the Illuminating company.

Volunteer workers in the house-to-house canvass for work have thus far reported a total of 103 positions secured since Monday, when the canvass began.

## WANTS TIMMNER AS HEAD

Director Black Plans City's Outdoor Concerts.

Herr Christiaan Timmner is to be municipal band master in summer and municipal orchestra conductor in winter if a new municipal musical program being worked out by Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black is agreed to by the administration.

Under the scheme being mapped out by the recreation commissioner, Herr Timmner is to be given general charge of the outdoor concerts in the parks in summer as well as the fall and winter symphony orchestra concerts and in the former role he must act as band master.

If this plan is adopted the appropriation of \$11,000 for park concerts will be thrown with the appropriation of \$10,575 for the fall and winter orchestra season and Herr Timmner will have general charge of all city musical events.



## CHARGES EFFORT TO ALTER PLANS FOR 'RUN' PARK

Charges that pressure had been brought to bear to induce city officials to change original plans for the proposed easterly Kingsbury Run Park were made by Frank J. Chapple, 6118 Kinsman road, at a meeting of the council committee on parks, yesterday.

He declined to make his charges specific, when pressed by councilmen and Attorney John L. Cannon, representing the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad, which gave the land to the city. Chapple and Cannon clashed several times at the meeting.

Chapple headed a delegation of Kinsman road citizens who appeared before the committee to protest against the abandonment of plans for a park in the valley just east of E. 55th street. Plans now under consideration call for the development of a park further south in Kingsbury run, although the E. 55th street site was originally offered by the railroad company.

The city has already developed land given by the company at E. 40th street as a park. An ordinance, authorizing the acceptance of the southerly tract, and releasing the railroad company from its bond filed as a guarantee to carry out the agreement, is now pending before the council. Another meeting of the committee will be held Monday.

## SERVICE BOARD BLOCKS STAGE'S SALARY BOOSTS

Plans of Director of Public Utilities Stage to raise the salaries of a number of employees in the division of light and heat were blocked by the civil service commission yesterday, when it refused to consent to a reclassification of positions.

The city council appropriated \$40,000 in a lump sum for clerk hire in this division and allowed \$175,000 for labor operation and maintenance. The municipal heating plant is operated at a loss while no provision for the payment of interest upon \$2,700,000 worth of lighting bonds was made in the appropriation ordinance.

Salaries of city employees are fixed by the board of control and Stage had planned to submit the proposed increases to the board this morning. The civil service commission fixes maximum and minimum salaries for employees in the classified service and would have to make a change in rules to authorize increases beyond the maximum.

The commission in voting against a reclassification of positions held that it would be unfair to city employees paid out of the general fund to boost salaries in the lighting and heating divisions, paid from receipts of municipal plants.

## LETTERS APPROVE 'LEND-A-HAND' FUND

Communications From Business Men Applaud Campaign.

Tell of Work Done by Concerns to Give Jobless Employment.

Letters yesterday to Allen T. Burns and Charles E. Adams, members of the unemployment commission, from nearly a score of employers indicate the commission was justified in determining to launch a "lend-a-hand" campaign for a \$100,000 job fund.

The head of one concern which took on six extra men after an appeal by Mr. Adams, wrote:

"We do not really need these men, but to help them to live we are running a reduced force at short time."

Another wrote his force was "alternating to give all a chance." A third said, "We are trying to help by not releasing any of our present employees." One man complained, "There is one circumstance that rubs me the wrong way, and that is the city feels called on to pay out taxpayers' money at the rate of 25 cents an hour when there are thousands of men willing to work at a fraction of that price."

The Lincoln Electric Co. announced it will award a contract before the close of the month for a new office building at Kelley-av N. E. and E. 38th-st, so almost immediate work can be given to skilled workmen.

Another concern wanted five men for five days at a \$1.75 wage for ten hours work. The demand was supplemented with the remark, "but we want men capable of intelligently using hammer and saw."

Mr. Burns and Miss Belle Sherwin, members of the commission subcommittee appointed to arrange plans for collecting the \$100,000 fund, were in conference over this matter yesterday afternoon. Plans will not be made public for a day or two.

Meanwhile employees of the Halle Bros. Co., the May Co. and the Bailey Co. were preparing to put the campaign into operation in those stores. Employees at their own volition are to ask paymasters to take a day's wages or part of a day's wages from their pay envelopes.

Sixty-one jobs resulted yesterday from the house to house canvass. One hundred and twenty-six men and twenty-seven women were given work through the state-city free employment bureau.

Fred Roegge, manager of the show to be presented next month by the Young Men's Business club, announced yesterday the 200 costumes used in the show are to be made in Cleveland. This will give several weeks' work to about twenty women.

J. W. Goldhammer of the Cleveland Platers Supply Co., yesterday suggested the government issue emergency currency to cover loans made to men and women out of work. He said he believed the money should be loaned at 6 per cent.

## BRANDS JITNEY BUS AS PUBLIC MENACE

Street Railway Officials Foresee Evil Effect of Auto Competition.

Anticipating Rivalry, Trolley Men May Ask Aid of City Council.

The jitney bus—the passenger automobile that will haul you to work for a nickel—is upon Cleveland, Peter Witt, street railway commissioner, and John J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Co. agreed yesterday.

These heads of Cleveland's street car service yesterday were considering ways of preventing second-hand motor cars, transformed into passenger buses, from operating by competition to make 3-cent fare impossible.

To forestall the jitney bus, Commissioner Witt and President Stanley may ask city council to enact legislation governing the use of the city streets by passenger automobiles.

A man went broke in Los Angeles

## FAVORS SALEN FOR MAYOR

Third Ward Democratic Club Votes Indorsement.

Charles P. Salen was introduced last night as candidate for mayor by the Third Ward Democratic club, meeting in McNess' hall, 6700 Madison-av N. W.

The club also passed a resolution condemning "the policy of the city administration in importing men from other cities, states and countries to fill important city positions" as a reflection "upon the intelligence and capability of our own citizens."

Another resolution recorded the club as opposing any effort to amend the nonpartisan provisions of the city charter. The resolution containing Salen's indorsement charged that the "financial conditions of the city, brought on by mismanagement, extravagance and incompetency, render a complete change in the conduct of city affairs imperative."

The Twenty-second Ward Newton D. Baker club, one of the strongest Democratic clubs on the East Side, last night pledged unanimous support to Peter Witt for mayor. The meeting was held in the club's headquarters, 1393 E. 65th-st. James McDonough presided.



## GRAFT CHARGED TO WORKER FOR AID OF JOBLESS

Arrested Suspect Released When  
Victims Admit He Is Wrong  
Man; Police Still  
Seek Culprit.

A man held by the police on complaint of the State-City Free Labor Exchange, which accused him of having collected fees for work given Hungarian laborers, was released late last night after he was questioned by Lieutenant of Detectives Sterling.

Lieutenant Sterling said he was convinced the accused man was not the one sought. The man accused had been employed as an interpreter by a Hungarian newspaper to assist the labor exchange in investigating the needs of Hungarians registered at the exchange. A warrant was sworn out against him by Wilbur Wright, investigator for the exchange. This warrant charged obtaining money by false pretense, but was not served.

The man named in the warrant was taken to police headquarters after he voluntarily came to the labor exchange and said he had learned of an accusation against him.

Laborers, who said money had been collected from them in return for work in the city parks, said the man questioned last night was not the one to whom they paid the money. The suspect is being sought by police.

The investigation started after it was learned that eighteen men registered for work from 8110 Grand avenue.

Work of the mayor's unemployment commission is still being vigorously pushed by committees but no session will be held until the return from New York of F. H. Goff, who is chairman.

The house-to-house canvass for work, conducted by a corps of more than 500 volunteers, has netted work for 164 persons thus far. Sixty-one places were found yesterday.

Filling of 1,334 positions, obtained through the efforts of an employers' subcommittee, is going ahead, a number of men being placed at work each day. Fifty men put to work by the Cleveland Railway Company, were reported as worthy by President Stanley.

### Cannot Supply Servants.

The State-City Free Labor Exchange yesterday placed 123 men and thirty-two women at work. Applications for women for housework continue to be far greater than the number of competent workers.

Members of the committee which is seeking to perfect plans for a "lend-a-hand" campaign to raise a fund of \$100,000 to employ destitute men, held a meeting yesterday, but will submit no report for the present. The date of starting the campaign, when all citizens are to be urged to contribute one day's income, has not been fixed. No additions to the fund, which now is \$19,526, were reported yesterday.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, is receiving many responses to circular letters sent out by the employers' committee, asking employers to put extra men to work.

The Schwenger-Klein Company, 519 Woodland avenue, yesterday asked for five men to report for work Monday.

The Lincoln Electric Company an-

nounced that it is about to erect a new building and expects to employ many men on that work.

### 25 Cents an Hour "Too Much."

Another letter placed the blame for the present unemployment situation on the manufacturers. The letter from an official of a big manufacturing concern in part said:

"Although the past three months have been much more quiet than we have experienced during the same period last year we have kept our entire force of men at work and have worked full time.

"We feel that if every Cleveland manufacturer had done the same thing, there would not be so many people out of employment this winter."

In another letter, the wage of 25 cents an hour paid the men put to work in the parks, was criticized as too high by the head of a big manufacturing corporation. He declared thousands of men can be secured to work at a fraction of that wage.

Commissioner of Parks Alber announced yesterday that fifty men will be put to work Monday under City Forester Boddy, pruning trees in parks.

## CITY FINANCING LEADING THEME FOR OHIO LEAGUE

Cleveland Delegates to Columbus  
Convention Likely to Urge Ap-  
proval of Cox Board's  
Recommendations.

Financial needs of Ohio cities will occupy the attention of delegates at the annual convention of the Ohio League of Municipalities at Columbus February 11 and 12, according to announcements sent out yesterday.

Mayor Baker will name the Cleveland delegates to the convention. The delegation will include city officials and others interested in civic affairs. The Cleveland delegation will likely urge the approval of recommendations for relieving the financial needs of cities to be submitted to the General Assembly by the commission appointed by former Governor Cox. The commission has prepared a tentative draft of its recommendations.

Mayor Baker announced yesterday that he would maintain a "hands off" policy on all bills introduced at the present session of the General Assembly.

"If I appeared before any of the committees it might have the effect of killing a bill which I favored," said Baker. The mayor made frequent trips to Columbus in support of favorite measures during the Cox administration.

The meeting of Democratic precinct captains and ward leaders at Acme Hall was fixed for February 4, yesterday. Mayor Baker, Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the executive committee, and Peter Witt, the committee's candidate for mayor, will address the meeting.

Councilman candidates are being discouraged from circulating nominating petitions at this time, according to Thomas Brannon, in charge of Democratic headquarters. "It is entirely too early for ward campaigns," said Brannon yesterday.

## FAILURE OF CITY TO BUILD SEWER DELAYS CAR LINE

Building of E. 30th Street Cross-  
Town Road Will Be De-  
layed Until 1916, Offi-  
cials Declare.

Building of the E. 30th street cross-town car line, authorized by the city council, will be indefinitely held up through the failure of the city to include the sewerage of E. 30th street in work to be carried on this year.

John J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, said yesterday that the company would not start construction work until the sewer has been built. City engineers say that the failure to include the work in this year's sewerage program will delay the improvement until 1916 at the earliest.

Councilman Reynolds, one of the advocates of the new cross-town line, which will run from the lake to Woodland avenue, said that he would make an effort to have the department of public service start the sewer work this year. The building of the line should not be delayed, he said.

Stanley also intimated that the E. 79th street cross-town line might not be extended to Kinsman road this year, as originally promised by Street Railway Commissioner Witt. "I think that it would be a waste of money to extend the line any farther than Woodland avenue until grade crossings are eliminated," said Stanley.

Councilman Tack says he has Witt's assurance that the extension will go forward this year, although Witt has opposed it in the past.

The railway company is preparing a proposition to submit to the East Cleveland council Tuesday night, stating concessions it will make in return for a twenty-five year extension to Euclid and Hayden avenues franchises. Chief of these is a provision giving Hayden avenue car riders the same rate of fare as paid by Cleveland car riders until 1921, when 5-cent fare will be charged on both lines.

Remodeling of the Windermere car barns hinges upon the passage of the new franchise ordinances, according to Stanley. The company also objects to relaying its tracks from Lake View Cemetery to Ivanhoe road, at a cost of \$200,000, until new franchises are given.

## BAKER DODGES DEBATE WITH SOCIALIST WARREN

Mayor Baker will attend the municipal orchestra concert tomorrow afternoon instead of entering into a debate with Fred D. Warren, former editor of the Appeal to Reason, at the Socialist meeting at Gray's Armory.

Warren will discuss the question of unemployment from a Socialist standpoint and will argue that the efforts of the unemployment commission named by Baker are futile. C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Cleveland organization, yesterday invited Baker to attend the meeting to answer Warren's arguments.

## SNOW PROVIDES WORK FOR IDLE

Snow was a boon to unemployed Saturday.

The city street cleaning department put an extra squad of 150 men and 70 teams on the streets, and several hundred men toured residence districts cleaning sidewalks.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy appealed for donations of snow shovels.

Big relief for the unemployed will come Monday, when the following squads will go to work:

An additional 100, making a total of 200, in the parks, their wages to be paid from the unemployment fund.

An additional 50, making a total of 400, at the new Fairmount reservoir.

Three hundred, in squads of 25 to 50, at various manufacturing plants.

Fifty, under direction of City Forester Boddy, removing tussock moth eggs from park and street trees.

"In addition to these large orders we are daily supplying odd jobs," said Hennessy. "The need is far from being filled, however. We have a destitute list of 11,000."

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## HERR TIMMNER MUST PUT RAG IN PARK MUSIC

Complete reorganization of the municipal orchestra will ensue if plans are carried out to make Herr Christiaan Timmner, orchestra conductor, also leader of park band concerts next summer. Recreation Commissioner Black said Saturday. In addition, Timmner's artistic reputation to ragtime and popular music must give way, because park concerts are not played to such musically-cultured audiences as those which half fill the Hippodrome for Sunday symphonies.

Under Black's plan 25 musicians, a majority of them playing brass, would be kept on the city payroll the year round. When the summer park season ends Black would augment the 25 with as many as made possible by private subscription. By having permanent members the general tone of the whole orchestra would be bettered, Black claimed.

Timmner all along has shown decided distaste for so-called popular music, and it is expected considerable persuasion will have to be employed to keep the classical off park programs.

Council January 1 set aside \$11,000 for park concerts, enough to provide for two a week in each park, and \$10,575 for the orchestra. The latter sum is not sufficient to carry the orchestra through until next January.

## TELLS HOW TO GIVE 1,000 MEN WORK AT ONCE

House-to-house canvassers bent on finding odd jobs for the unemployed Saturday made capital of the snowfall by appealing that the more destitute be hired to shovel snow. They urged that neighbors in groups of 15 or 20 band together and contribute 50 cents a week for the rest of the winter for hiring a man to keep their sidewalks clean.

"Work for at least 1,000 men should be provided for in this manner," Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director, declared. "The drain on one's purse, when neighbors go together, is negligible."

Two hundred workless were notified by Superintendent W. F. Hennessey of the city-state employment bureau to go to work Monday morning on city jobs. Fifty are to report at the new Fairmount reservoir, 100 in the parks and 50 to City Forester Boddy. The last 50 are to destroy tussock moth eggs.

One hundred more will be put on the reservoir job and 100 more in the parks Thursday.

No definite plans for raising the \$100,000 relief fund have been decided on yet, Burns said Saturday. With the return of F. H. Goff, general committee chairman, from New York Monday, action will be taken. Department store employees already are figuring how they can make their contribution.

Fifty unemployed given jobs Saturday in removing tussock moth egg masses from street trees.

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## MASONIC TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION TO AID JOBLESS

Lakewood Organization Will Start  
Operations at Once, Giving  
Work to 100 Men, if  
Loans Can Be Made.

ALL UNEMPLOYED CARED  
FOR BY MUNICIPALITY

Several Plants Will Open and  
Much City Work Will Give  
Aid to Hundreds.

Work may be provided for more than a hundred men within a few weeks if plans outlined in a letter from officials of the Lakewood Masonic Temple Company to the unemployment committee are carried out. The plans provide for the immediate breaking of ground for the \$75,000 temple at Detroit and Andrews avenues, Lakewood. Original specifications called for a start next spring. The letter stated the temple company would be able to start at once if sufficient funds could be obtained from the banks on short-time loans.

All unemployed residents of Lakewood are being cared for by the municipality. A fund of \$2,000 was set aside for outdoor relief by the council at the first of the year and is being used to buy groceries and coal. In case the head of the family is able to work, he is put to work for the municipality cutting down poplar trees, all of which are to be destroyed. Orders for fuel and food are given the men as pay on the basis of \$2 a day.

### Tree-Cutting a 'Great Help.

Since the work was begun, two weeks ago, hundreds of trees have been cut down. The Associated Charities, Lakewood branch, has conducted the investigation so as to give the most urgent cases immediate attention.

In letters to Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment committee, several establishments announced their intention of putting men to work. The Ohio Clay Company, closed three weeks ago for repairs, said that the building would be ready by the middle of the week and that the fifty men employed there would be put back to work.

Fifty men will be put to work tomorrow on the Fairmount reservoir, one hundred men in Cleveland parks and fifty men picking the larvae of the tussock moths from trees. These men will be worked in three-day shifts each week. Forty-five more jobs were reported yesterday by the canvassers, making a total of 209. Only one-third of the canvassers have reported.

### Card Thief Not Found.

Detectives gave up hope yesterday afternoon of finding the thief who stole a number of cards directing applicants to jobs at the State-City Free Employment Bureau Friday and sold them for a dollar apiece. They decided the one who stole them was not connected with the bureau and had fled from the city following the

publicity given the theft.

Director of Welfare Cooley said yesterday that of the 150 men put to work on the drainage system at Warrensville only forty-five remained till payday, yesterday. They are being paid 25 cents an hour and are charged 50 cents a day for room and board. Those who have so far been there are single men, said Dr. Cooley. Hereafter only married men will be employed.

## DEMOCRATS OF THIRD WARD IN FACTIONAL ROW

Baker Club, Which Indorses  
Witt, Disputes Claims of  
Johnson Organization,  
Friendly to Salen.

RANK AND FILE TO SAY  
WHICH ONE IS "OFFICIAL"

Brady Announces Meeting for  
Consideration of Election  
Changes in Charter.

Third ward Democrats will be called on to decide whether the Newton D. Baker Club or the Tom L. Johnson Club is the official ward organization. One club is supporting Peter Witt for mayor and the other has indorsed Charles P. Salen. Factional lines are expected to be tightly drawn during the coming mayoralty campaign.

The Johnson Club Friday night indorsed Salen for mayor and adopted resolutions condemning the present city administration for extravagance and the importation of men to fill municipal positions.

Joseph Stolman, president, and Anthony Patton, secretary of the Baker club came forth with statements yesterday that this club had previously indorsed Peter Witt and that the club was the only organization one in the ward. Councilman W. J. Horrigan, who is being boomed for mayor by friends, also has considerable strength in the Third ward.

A meeting will be held tomorrow to determine whether to initiate an amendment to the city charter to abolish preferential voting and restore partisan primaries, according to Francis V. Brady, 548 Leader-News building. Brady says that the plan of having primaries with party candidates on a single ballot is being considered. Voters would not be required to declare their party affiliation at the primaries, under this plan.



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## SEES LAND VALUES AS LABOR MENACE

**Cleveland Carpenter Urges  
Minimum Wage and Shorter  
Hours as Remedy.**

**Deplores Temporary Jobs for  
Skilled Men at 15  
Cents an Hour.**

One of the chief causes of the present unemployment wave is the rapid increase in land values, and the only solution of the industrial problem is the enactment of a compulsory minimum wage law and the reduction of the hours of labor until all who are willing to work can find employment, according to George E. Brewster of Carpenters' union No. 11.

Mr. Brewster gives his theory in the Cleveland Citizen issued yesterday.

"If the well meaning persons who are at present running around in circles in hysterical search for some temporary job at 15 cents an hour for a skilled mechanic, would get off his back long enough to find the cause of his unemployment, some real good might be accomplished and a solution provided," the article reads.

"The census of 1890 showed that 30 per cent. of the people of this country live in cities. The census of 1910 showed the proportion of city dwellers to be 50 per cent. This shift has been caused by the rapid rise in land values. People have been driven from the land to seek employment in cities. Every workman knows that even when times are good there are more men than jobs.

"Because a man out of work becomes of necessity the competitor of the man who has a job, both are reduced to the lowest possible wage that will provide a bare living.

"If the unemployment commission will turn its attention to the cause of poverty among the working class and can devise some plan whereby more than 15 per cent. of the cost of production will be paid in wages and less than 66 per cent. in land values, they will be rendering a great public service to Cleveland.

"If the commission will ascertain why land values are double the valuation of all improvements and buildings, and how much interest charges are being paid by the workmen through their labor, they will find the real cause for poverty."

Samuel Griggs, member of the local branch of the Journeymen Stone Cutters of America, was re-elected president of the international organization at the convention which ended several days ago in Kansas City.

The first annual ball of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union was held last night in the building of the Federal Athletic club, 2451 E. 55th-st. Interesting exhibits showing the results of the present application of the so-called efficiency system in the garment making trades were shown in connection with the ball.

Mayor Newton D. Baker will address the union Friday, Feb. 5, at East technical high school. Unemployment and various labor questions will be discussed at this meeting.

The next meeting of the Labor Lyceum stockholders will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, when decisive action will be taken on the question of selling the Eagle-av S. E. property originally intended as the site for a labor temple. Election of officers also will be held.

## REPUBLICANS WAIT FOR NATURAL SHIFT

**Let Mayoralty Situation Develop,  
With Undercurrent  
Strong for Fusion.**

**Davis and Norton Both Push  
Plans With Equal Assurance.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Republican leaders are letting the mayoralty situation develop naturally, without any present effort to clear the field for one contestant, while there continues a definite undercurrent of talk of a fusion candidate.

There seems little doubt that this talk is being fostered with an idea of creating a real sentiment against persistent division of the Republican strength. Upon the extent of this sentiment leaders think will depend whether they later will be able to make a successful effort to have either Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton withdraw, or to have both step back in the interest of some new possibility.

In the meantime, both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton are pushing their respective plans with an assurance that would seem to indicate neither has any other thought than of remaining in the race.

Mr. Davis has finished sending out letters to about 125 Republicans, asking them to serve on a general Davis campaign committee. He said yesterday afternoon he probably would be ready to announce his list the end of this week.

One letter was sent Chairman A. N. Rodway of the Republican county executive committee, who had been reported as, not particularly favoring the candidacy of Mr. Davis. Mr. Rodway yesterday declared an intention of serving on the Davis committee, however.

Mr. Norton is expected to become a candidate formally at a meeting in the Forest City house Saturday night, when he will meet with the men who have been circulating his petitions.

The John Hay club has selected this executive committee: Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, W. L. David, Councilman Harry C. Gahn, Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, George B. Harris and Ladd Krejci.

These members have been named on a campaign committee: Pierre A. White, Monroe Curtis, H. C. Wood, Councilman Clayton Townes, Rexford C. Hyre, Sloan Pritchard, William L. Richards and Max S. Fishel.

These delegates to the League of

Republican Clubs have been chosen: Mr. Curtis, Mr. White, John A. Elden, Gordon W. Ruthenberg, Glenn C. Watkins, Congressman-elect H. I. Emerson and F. V. Brady.

Announcement that the Third Ward Democratic club had indorsed Charles P. Salen for mayor was followed yesterday by a notice that the Third Ward Newton D. Baker Democratic club has adopted unanimously a resolution indorsing Peter Witt.

"This is the only organization Democratic club in the third ward," said a statement signed by President Joseph Stolpman and Secretary Anthony Patton of the club.

## LAUDS CHILDREN'S MOVE

**Mayor Applauds Work of Clean-Up League.**

"The city's welfare is in the keeping of its boys and girls. To them a beautiful, clean and healthy city is of the most importance. Their co-operation is the most valuable a mayor can have, and I gladly join with them in their organized effort in behalf of Cleveland."

This is the sentiment expressed by Mayor Newton D. Baker in a quotation beneath his portrait on the certificate to be given members of the junior civic league, the big organization of school children that will co-operate with the street cleaning department in the city's clean-up moves.

Badges will be given to the league's officials.

## SEES FINE PLACE FOR NEW MAYOR'S SPEECH

**Baker Names Man Who, He  
Thinks, Will Use City  
Hall Balcony.**

"Yes. Peter can make a fine speech down there."

This was Mayor Baker's comment yesterday when it was suggested that above the main entrance to the new city hall on the lake front is a balcony that would make a suitable place for the mayoralty inauguration ceremonies. The windows of the department of public safety will lead directly to the balcony. The entrance to the city hall is at the foot of E. 6th-st.

The plan of reserving the wall space at the north end of the grand hallway on the ground floor for the painting, "The Battle of Lake Erie," is gaining in favor. Strangers entering the hallway from the E. 6th-st side would get their first glimpse of the real Lake Erie through the entrance at the north end of the hallway, while high above would be a reproduction of the battle that took place on the lake more than 100 years ago.

Work on the interior of the building is progressing rapidly and there is but little doubt the municipal courts will move into the rooms on the fourth floor late in July or early in August. The entire building will be ready for dedication in November. There are 260 men at work in the structure.



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### NATION MAY COUNT UNEMPLOYED HERE

Will Take Census of New York Jobless and Plans to List Them in Cleveland.

City's Lend-a-Hand Fund Committee to Announce Plans Soon.

A census of Cleveland's unemployed may be undertaken by the federal government with the co-operation of the Cleveland police department.

Definite decision has been reached by the administration at Washington to take count of the jobless in New York. Officials of the department of labor have been sent to the metropolis to co-operate with authorities there in a quick count.

If results justify it, the federal census will be extended to Cleveland as a typical industrial center of a smaller size than New York.

The administration at Washington has been mystified at a difference between statistics put forth by congressmen and newspapers and the lack of what might be called desperate conditions in New York and other cities and would like to know whether there is any political purpose in massing staggering round figures about unemployment.

Certain New York newspapers have reported 562,700 workers out of employment there. This means not less than one man or woman in every nine or ten and would suggest bread lines were necessary. Yet the administration has learned bread lines are not more in evidence in New York than is usually the case at this season of the year.

Representative Humphrey of Washington has stated in the house there are 4,000,000 men out of work in the country. Inasmuch as there were 3,000,000 out of work in the darkest days of 1893-95, this is thought to indicate that, taking into consideration the increase in population, conditions now are as bad as when the country was in a state of panic.

Should the proposed census in New York prompt one in Cleveland, it is expected the same request will be made of Mayor Newton D. Baker, Director of Safety A. A. Benesch and Chief of Police W. S. Rowe as will be made, likely today, of Mayor Purroy Mitchel of New York. The plan is to have patrolmen call at every house on his beat and in a few days bring figures to department of labor officials that will be a true index to the situation.

The administration has three questions it wants to have answered by this census: First, how many men and women are unemployed; second, learn the capabilities of the unemployed, and third, start a movement to find employment through government agencies, if the results of the census indicate conditions are bad or nearly as bad as reported.

Allen T. Burns, member of the unemployment commission and chairman of the subcommittee selected by Chairman F. H. Goff to plan the campaign for \$100,000 lend-a-hand fund, said last night the committee will probably announce its plans today.

If these plans are completed today, a meeting of the commission will likely be called for tomorrow and the campaign will be started by the middle or last of the week.

Organization for getting the money has been the difficulty halting announcement of the plans, Mr. Burns said. The matter would have been made easier for the commission had the organization of the Federation of Charity and Philanthropy been used in the campaign. The commission decided it would be more desirable both for the federation and the commission not to adopt this policy.

This morning 322 men are expected to go to work on five-day jobs provided by employers through Charles E. Adams of the commission and the state-city free employment bureau. One hundred men go to work on Fairmount reservoir and fifty in Gordon park to remove tussock moths from

trees and shrubs, and 100 more in Edgewater, Gordon and Wade parks on cleaning.

## ALBER ADVOCATES CITY MEAT PLANT

Feels Municipal Abattoir is Only Solution for High Cost Problem.

Council May Get Fire Prevention Ordinance Tonight.

"A municipal abattoir is the only solution of the meat price problem."

This opinion was expressed yesterday by Fred C. Alber, commissioner of the division of parks, under which is the supervision of the municipal market. Mr. Alber was referring to the proposal of Councilman Clayton C. Townes to introduce in council tonight legislation providing for appointment of a special council committee to investigate the cost of meat in Cleveland.

The councilman's determination to launch an investigation followed an investigation of his own conducted secretly for two weeks. Mr. Townes said it was his conclusion that the cost is piled up after meat leaves the slaughter houses.

Commissioner Alber declared yesterday that large shippers control the meat market, and that he did not see how the city could break that control except through establishment of an abattoir of its own. He said there would be results of a definite nature if the Townes proposal should develop a movement for a municipal slaughter house.

There may be introduced tonight legislation proposed by Councilman John F. Durkin to make Clevelanders who disregard regulations of the fire prevention bureau responsible for fires occasioned by their carelessness, and liable for damages to other people's property by such fires. Mr. Durkin will confer today with Fire Chief George A. Wallace regarding the suggestion, preparatory to drafting an amendment to fire regulation ordinances.

The report of a special committee on the Madison-av N. W. explosion is to be submitted to council tonight. Council probably will accept the deeds for land for Kingsbury park. The committee on parks is expected to approve this afternoon the selection of the new site, in the vicinity of E. 65th-st. near Kinsman-rd S. E., despite the protests of residents near the E. 55th-st site, originally proposed.

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### CITY AND COUNTY IN ALPHONSE AND GASTON ACT NOW

Judge Vickery Also Super-Polite Over Taking Over of Lake Frontage.

SHERIFF SMITH WAITING

Everyone Hesitates to Take First Step in Claiming \$20,000,000 Worth of Land.

The city and county are quarreling in legal verbiage as to which shall take the initiative in taking possession of the \$20,000,000 of lake front land at the foot of W. 9th street, awarded the city by the United States Supreme Court as the climax of a twenty-one-year fight with three railroads.

The mandate from the Supreme Court giving the city title to the thirty-acre tract was received four days ago.

"You deliver it to us," says Mayor Baker to the common pleas court.

"You must call and get it if you want it," insists Judge Vickery, of the common pleas court.

Meanwhile Sheriff Smith is just aching to plant both feet on the \$20,000,000 worth of real estate before the railroads step in and bring an injunction suit or something to prevent him claiming the land for the city.

"Next Move Up to Court."

Smith does not care who gives him authority to go ahead. He was wondering yesterday why some enterprising real estate agent had not claimed it in the four days the city and county have been playing at "Alphonse and Gaston."

If Baker and Judge Vickery can agree as to the proper method of procedure, Smith will be asked to demand possession today.

"The next move is up to the common pleas court," said Mayor Baker, who personally conducted the lake-front litigation during recent years. "A writ of possession will be issued and the sheriff ordered to turn the land over to the city."

The land in question is covered with docks and switch tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad and crossed by the tracks of the Lake Shore and Big Four railroads. Judge Vickery expressed a different opinion as to which side should take the initiative in the ejectment proceedings. He decided the case in favor of the city in 1909.

More Litigation Foreseen.

"The city law department must file a praecipe with the clerk of the court of common pleas," said he. "A writ of ejectment will be issued upon this and the sheriff directed to serve the papers upon officials of the Pennsylvania, Lake Shore and Big Four railroads."

Further litigation to determine the exact rights of the railroads is foreseen by Baker. The decision of lower courts, affirmed by the United States Supreme Court, held that the city was the owner of the land, subject to the rights of the railroads to cross it with "necessary" tracks.

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### JOBLESS FUND PUZZLE SOLVED, ASSERTS BURNS

Details of Plan for Raising \$100,000 to Be Submitted to Board Today by Finance Committee.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the mayor's unemployment commission, said yesterday he believes the finance committee of the commission has solved the problem of how to raise the proposed \$100,000 work fund.

Details of the plan formulated by the finance committee will be submitted today to F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission. If he approves, it then will be submitted to the commission for ratification, probably tomorrow. The details will not be made public until approved by the commission.

Unsolicited contributions have swelled the fund to \$19,526. Until the proposed "lend-a-hand" campaign is opened contributions will be received by Mr. Goff or J. J. Sullivan, president of the Central National Bank, who is treasurer of the commission.

The money, which it is proposed to raise by having all citizens who are able contribute one day's income, will be expended in giving work to destitute unemployed persons. Some are now being employed at park improvement work and are being paid with money advanced by the unemployment commission.



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## RAIL CROSSING ELIMINATION TO GIVE MANY JOBS

Legislation providing for immediate elimination of 12 railroad tracks at Union-av, considered by officials as one of the most dangerous grade crossings in Cleveland, probably will be passed by council Monday night.

Work, providing employment for several hundred men, will be under way in about six weeks, according to City Engineer Hoffman. The cost of the work will be \$355,500, and a large share of this will go to labor, it is said.

Final action on the project, for which money for the city's share has been available since 1910, was made possible Monday, when attorneys for the Erie railroad notified the city it would not contest the question whether the railroads should share the cost of laying Concon tracks on the viaduct over the railroad tracks.

### Ends Long Fight.

Waiving this point ended a fight that began in Tom Johnson's last administration. Funds for the city's share of the improvement were voted in 1910.

For years the Erie, Newburg & South Shore and Pennsylvania railroads have opposed the project.

As one weapon in the city's fight to eliminate the crossings, legislation was started in 1914 to order the Erie railroad to remove a network of switches. Mayor Baker threatened to send a police-guarded force of men to tear up the tracks. He did not do this, however.

The unemployment commission probably will meet Tuesday noon to approve details of the campaign to raise an unemployment fund of at least \$100,000. F. H. Goff, chairman, said Monday.

House-to-house volunteer canvassers have found jobs for 214, it was said Monday. Over 500 men were given jobs Monday in manufacturing establishments, parks, and other public improvements. The city added 75 men to its street cleaning squad. Seventy-five men have been notified to go to work Tuesday and 300 Wednesday.

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## CITY HOPES TO GET BIG RENTAL FROM RAILWAYS

A demand by council that Service Director Sidio order the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines to vacate the 30 acres on the lake front between West 9th street and the river, won from the railroads after a 21-year fight up to United States supreme court, will be the city's first step toward entering negotiations with the roads to get a suitable rental for the property.

Councilman McGinty said Monday he will introduce such a measure in council immediately after Sheriff Smith hands to Mayor Baker a writ of possession from common pleas court. This action is expected within the week. The land, known as the Bath street fishing grounds, has been valued as high as \$20,000,000, and a rental of 5 per cent, \$1,000,000 a year, will be demanded.

Further litigation was predicted Monday by Baker. The city's procedure probably will be an attempt to have common pleas court issue a writ of ejectment. Then, when negotiations for a rental fee are entered into, the supreme court's decision that the land is owned by the city subject to the rights of the railroads to cross with "necessary" tracks may be interpreted in court, according to Baker.

Little hope is held at City Hall that the railroads will submit to a 5 or 6

per cent a year charge. City officials claim a fee of about \$250,000 might be acceptable. Income from the land will be turned into the city's general fund. No effort will be made to collect back rent.

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## CHARGES POLITICS KILLS RESOLUTION

### Councilman Gahn Seeks to Force Railway to Employ Crossing Watchmen.

### Committee Will Investigate Prices of Meat in Cleveland.

Charges that members of city council were playing politics in refusing to take immediate action on a resolution calling for the employment of 100 derailing men at grade crossings were made by Councilman Harry C. Gahn at last night's meeting of the council.

The Gahn resolution called for the employment of these men by the Cleveland Railway Co. It was contended by him that dangerous conditions at Central and Quincy-avs S. E. crossings of the Pennsylvania demanded the street railroad company re-employ the force discharged some time ago.

Motion was made the resolution be referred to committees and Councilman Gahn demanded a roll call. The motion to refer carried by a vote of nineteen yeas and seven nays.

Important features of council meeting were adoption of a resolution authorizing Mayor Baker to proceed with steps that must be taken before the city can take formal possession of the lake front property between W. 9th-st and the river and the adoption of a resolution offered by Councilman Clayton C. Townes calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate meat prices.

The ordinance authorizing an immediate start on the long delayed Union-av S. E. grade crossing project was passed and an ordinance authorizing extension of the West Side market grounds was received.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell yesterday received a copy of the supreme court mandate in the case which gives the city possession of the lake front property west of Union depot. The mayor will ask the clerk of the common pleas court to issue a writ to the sheriff and the city through the sheriff will proceed to take possession of the property.

The resolution adopted by council last night called on the mayor to take all necessary steps and to order the removal of obstructions. The property, occupied by the Pennsylvania docks and railroad yards, is said to be worth \$20,000,000.

The special committee that is to investigate meat prices consists of Councilmen Moylan, Townes and Gahn. The committee will hold public meetings and will invite producers, commission men, stockyards representatives and retailers to testify. The Townes resolution states present meat prices add materially to the high cost of living. The establishment of municipal markets in sections of the city is suggested.

First steps in the enlargement of the West Side market grounds were taken last evening with the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of land on W. 24th-st adjoining the market sheds.

Ordinances were passed authorizing issue of \$1,017,000 worth of bonds for street improvement purposes. Resolutions authorizing the abolition of the E. 105th-st grade crossings of the Lake Shore and the Ivanhoe-rd N. E. grade crossing of the Nickel Plate were also adopted.

A resolution releasing the \$50,000 bond filed by the Cleveland & Youngstown railway at the time it obtained its franchise was adopted.

A resolution authorizing the Cleveland Railway Co. to purchase land at Denison-av S. W. and W. 73d-st for station purposes was received.

The property will cost \$60,000. A resolution was received authorizing the company to expend \$15,000 for cars to be used in hauling cinders. Ordinances authorizing expenditures of \$35,000 for river dredging and \$19,000 for lumber for city bridges were received.

With a view to introducing similar legislation Councilman John Durkin asked City Clerk R. E. Collins to obtain a copy of the New York city ordinances which authorize the New York department to sue persons whose negligence is held responsible for fires. The New York supreme court has upheld this law.

## FIGHTS ANTI-FLY LEADER

### Councilman Wants Job Taken From Dr. Dawson.

While preliminary arrangements were being made yesterday for a start on the anti-fly campaign to be conducted by Dr. Jean Dawson and a force of Normal school girls, Chairman J. E. Smith of the council committee on health and sanitation came out in opposition to the plan.

"The anti-fly work should be handled by the regular sanitary police or someone with real authority," he said. Other members of council will oppose steps that may be taken by Councilman Smith to have the work taken from the hands of Dr. Dawson or her assistants. Former Councilman H. L. French, a member of the board of elections, said:

"The health department had an opportunity last summer to show what it could do. It failed to do the work as efficiently as it was done the year before under Dr. Dawson. The flies returned and things began to look just as they used to in the old days."

Councilman McGinty, who led the fight for an appropriation for the special anti-fly campaign, said he would oppose any change in the plan. Dr. Dawson proposed yesterday the anti-fly campaign be started now by householders.



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## What Council Did Monday Night

Here is business transacted by council Monday night:

Ordered elimination of Union-av grade crossings.

Named committee of three to investigate high cost of meat.

Re-referred ordinance regulating private employment agencies.

Directed mayor and server to take possession of \$20,000,000 lake front land awarded city by United States supreme court.

Voted condemnation of land on W. 24th-st for vegetable and fruit dealers at West-side market.

Voted change in contract with Cleveland & Youngstown railroad by which city accepts new tract in Kingsbury run instead

of part of original tract first given city in exchange for right of way.

Authorized Concon to spend not to exceed \$60,000 for operating station at W. 73d-st and Denison-av.

Received communication from Harry Greenbaum and 43 other barbers asking council to take no action toward permitting Sunday shops.

Referred resolutions providing \$35,000 for dredging Cuyahoga river and \$32,500 for land for sewage disposal.

Passed ordinance providing \$117,000 for improvement bonds and \$900,000 for property owners' share of street paving in 1915.

## BURNS ASKS FOR DELAY IN BIG JOB FUND PLAN

Allen T. Burns, chairman of the finance committee of the unemployment commission, recommended Tuesday to the commission that the campaign to raise an unemployment fund of \$100,000 be postponed.

Burns said the commission now has a month of work in sight for 685 men in public parks, and five-day jobs for 840 men.

Further he reported that the state-city free employment bureau is now placing an average of 1200 men a week in temporary and permanent jobs.

In view of these facts he told the commission, meeting at the Hollenden hotel at noon, that it would be inadvisable to begin a campaign to raise money now.

"Let's spend what is left of the \$19,526 already contributed to the unemployment fund before we ask for more," said Burns.

### Raise More if Needed.

He recommended the commission adopt this policy:

That men who otherwise would become dependent on charity be given first opportunities to work.

That more money be raised as soon as it is found the funds donated are not sufficient.

Server Sidlo told the commission the plight of the men doing park work has been distressing, the majority of them coming to work without breakfast and in insufficient clothing.

City Engineer Hoffman Tuesday put his staff to work on the job of completing plans for the Union-av railroad crossing elimination. This work will provide work for many men.

The stonecutters union Tuesday announced that many hundreds of thousands of dollars would be spent in Cleveland on labor if public officials and private business men would specify Ohio sandstone for building material instead of granite, terra cotta and limestone.

## LAKE LAND SEIZURE ORDERED BY COUNCIL

Mayor Baker, Server Sidlo and other city officials, accompanied by Sheriff Smith, some day this week will go to the lake front near W. Ninth-st and officially take possession of land there worth about \$20,000,000.

This is the land the United States supreme court awarded the city. It has been claimed by four railroads since 1849.

A council resolution directing Baker and Sidlo to take physical possession was passed Monday night.

## STANLEY PROBE SHOWS JOBLESS MEN WORTHY

In case there is any doubt in any one's mind as to the worthiness of the men in the ranks of the unemployed—any doubt that W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the state-city employment bureau, is striving to put men with children to work, consider the experience of John J. Stanley, street railway company president.

Stanley, who is a member of Mayor Baker's employment commission, did his share to help relieve the unemployment situation by finding work for 44 men. He got the names from Superintendent Hennessy. The company then sent its own investigators to look into the condition of the men.

It was found that all but four of the 44 men were married and had from one to eight children. The total number of children of 40 married men was 131. All the men had been out of work an average of four months. The majority owed for groceries and meats and from one to four months' rent.

"These men needed work," Stanley said. "They were put on at the regular wage we pay trackworkers, \$1.90 a day. They will be kept at work just as long as the company can find employment for them."

A typical report of the company's investigators on the condition of the men and their families reads:

"Married, age forty. Two children. Owes four months' rent. Other people in house are keeping them alive. Children have no clothing to go to school with. Conditions in house simply terrible and the children all are sick."

"That shows what the condition of the unemployed in Cleveland is," Stanley said. "It shows the efforts to find jobs for these men is worthy."

## SAYS \$100,000 JOB FUND ISN'T NECESSARY NOW

Allen T. Burns, director of the Cleveland Foundation survey, as chairman of a subcommittee of Mayor Baker's general relief committee, recommended to Chairman Goff and other men of the general relief commission at a luncheon Tuesday noon at the Hollenden that the proposed plan for collecting \$100,000 to provide work for the city's unemployed be not carried out at present. The plan proposed was that workers donate one day's wage to the fund.

Burns gives a slight brightening of conditions as his reason for believing the fund unnecessary now. He reported 840 jobs that he has to give out, procured through the activity of the manufacturers' subcommittee, of which W. H. Prescott of the Saginaw Bay Company is the head. He said also there is work for 285 men for three days each for thirty days and four weeks' work in the parks for 400 men, wages to be paid from the \$19,000 already donated to the general relief fund. Superintendent W. F. Hennessy of the state-city free employment bureau is giving out 1,200 jobs weekly, Burns reported.

It is possible that the day's wage-donation plan may be put into effect after jobs on hand are filled and a survey taken, if conditions seem to warrant it.

## NOT ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEN HATES HIS JOB

Cleveland's present set of councilmen think pretty well of sitting in on committee meetings Monday afternoons, attending council sessions Monday night, dropping into City Hall once or more a week, perhaps, and drawing \$50 in a yellow envelope on every 1st and 15th.

A canvass has failed to bring forth from one of the 26 the out-and-out declaration he'll not be up for re-election next fall. Fifteen made no bones of the fact they're itching to run. Ten expressed indecision but a willingness to get into the campaign provided the sentiment of the ward is favorable. The twenty-sixth had his eye on a more lucrative city job, but will try for council again if that hope does not pan out.

Councilmen Marquard, Stanton, Kalina, Horrigan, McGinty, Votava, Sledz, Tack, Wagner, Gahn, Stolte, Durkin, Meyers, Damm and Smith said Monday they would be in the race. Ditttrick, Koch, Moylan, Reynolds, Fitzgerald, Bernstein, Thompson, Woods, Foster and Rolf declare they wouldn't make up their mind until July, but most likely would make the race if the ward consented. Moylan is considering running for another city post.

"If my influence carries a weight there'll be no council elections out until July or early August," City Clerk Collins declared Tuesday. "Candidates are liable to be weakened by getting into the race so early. I expect every member of the present council to run again."

Up to Tuesday the usual campaign agitation of raising councilmen's salaries from \$1,200 to \$2,000 was dormant. It is expected the city's sorry financial straits put a quietus on more salary this year.



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# SUIT FILED TO BLOCK CITY ON THE LAKE FRONT

Farmers' Loan and Trust, of New York, Seeks to Enjoin Occupancy of Pennsy Land at 9th Street.

Suit to prevent the city from taking possession of lake front land at W. 9th street occupied by vast docks and terminals of the Pennsylvania railroad was filed in federal court here yesterday by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New York.

The banking company claims that it is the holder of a \$10,000,000 mortgage executed by the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad through its lessee, the Pennsylvania Railroad. It charges that the operation of the railroad would be irreparably crippled if the city takes possession of the land.

The filing of the petition marks another step in the twenty-one years' litigation between the city and the railroads for the ownership of the land now valued at \$20,000,000. It was followed by an announcement of Mayor Baker's plans for taking possession of the land on behalf of the city.

## Water Mains Ordered.

Baker, directed by the city council to eject the railroads from the land after the receipt of the United States Supreme Court decision giving ownership to the city, has ordered Waterworks Commissioner Schulz to lay water mains along W. 9th street to the lake front.

The mains will go under the network of railroad tracks covering the land in litigation and will force the railroads to institute proceedings to determine their exact rights or relinquish the property to the city.

In asking for a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction upon the hearing of the case the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company says that December 1, 1891, the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad, through its lessee, the Pennsylvania Railroad, executed and delivered to the plaintiff a \$10,000,000 mortgage to secure an issue of bonds of like amount. Of this issue \$9,382,000 worth of securities have been issued and sold and the company has a first lien upon the property of the railroad.

It is further stated that a part of the tract is used for a union passenger station, and that a portion of the land has been used and occupied by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and Big Four railroads since 1850. "To be dispossessed would seriously impair and irreparably cripple the operation of the railroad and would cost millions to acquire another location," the petition says.

## Not Party to Litigation.

The banking company says that it was not a party to the litigation in the state and federal courts by which the city ousted the railroads from the land in dispute. Unless restrained the city will proceed to dispossess the railroads of this property, "impairing and wasting the mortgage security of this plaintiff," the petition says. "If there is any merit in the contention of the company, I could mortgage my home on Crawford road, giving a description of the Hollenden Hotel," said Mayor Baker.

# CHARITY LEAGUE PROTEST PERILS JOBLESS RELIEF

Organizations Fear Efforts to Raise \$100,000 Fund Will Interfere Seriously With "Regular Work."

## OPPOSITION CRITICIZED BY CITY COMMISSION

Attitude of Commerce Board Also Scored; Decisive Action to Be Taken Today.

Opposition of organized charities to the proposal to raise \$100,000 to give work to unemployed men and women yesterday threatened to put an end to the activities of the mayor's unemployment commission.

Members of the commission criticized the attitude of the Associated Charities and the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, and also scored the stand of the Chamber of Commerce.

It was declared that heads of charitable organizations fear their work would be seriously interfered with if the commission seeks to raise a fund of \$100,000.

Chairman Goff, of the commission, told the commission a point had been reached where there were only three alternatives open. These he said were:

**Absolute abandonment of work of the commission at once and a report to the mayor that all possible had been accomplished.**

**Immediate pushing of original plans to raise the fund.**

**Delaying until more definite reports are secured as to the need.**

## Action to Be Taken Today.

No action was taken on Chairman Goff's triple alternatives yesterday, but the discussion will be continued at noon today when it is predicted the commission will vote to start the fund campaign at once.

Samuel Halle, who originated the proposal to have all citizens who are able contribute one day's income to the fund, was among those who opposed delays.

"I want to go on record," he said, "as stating that delays are due to certain obstacles and sheer necessity, owing to differences of opinion. Through inability to get unanimous opinions we have gotten no further, but there has never been a doubt in my mind but that we could raise this fund. This committee is to relieve, not to analyze. There is dire need and there ought to be relief."

Mr. Halle declared direct charity as favored by opposing organizations was a danger.

Chairman Goff said the problem must ultimately be dealt with by unemployment insurance.

## Decline to Aid.

"It looks as though an appeal for funds at this time might fall on unwilling ears," Mr. Goff said. "The charitable organizations fear an urgent call for relief this winter. The Federation for Charity and Philanthropy has declined to aid in raising

the work fund. We have been twenty days getting this far and it worries me."

In reply to questions of T. C. Wellsted, of the Chamber of Commerce, regarding what he termed the failure of "the Chamber of Commerce to rubber stamp" the commission's work, Mr. Goff declared that the

chamber would make a great outcry if thousands of dollars' worth of property in Cleveland was going to waste. When thousands of workmen are facing starvation, he said, nothing is done.

Wellsted said the attitude of the Chamber of Commerce was that the situation is not an emergency one, as conditions now are not more than 15 per cent worse than those of a year ago.

W. D. Sayle said he had been informed the Association Charities held that \$1 in direct relief goes further than \$1 for work.

## "Thousands Waiting."

"I would rather waste half the money in giving work than use it in giving bread," Mr. Sayle declared.

"Thousands of persons are waiting to contribute to this fund while we are wabbling around debating," Victor Sincere told the commission in opposing further delay.

"I would rather go ahead now and get less money than wait," he said. "One conclusion we have reached is that there are thousands of destitute men. We have a chance now to put it up to every citizen and give them a chance to aid."

George W. Kinney deplored delays but urged further efforts to find work rather than money.

Charles Eisenman, head of the Jewish Charities, also scored delays. "We ought to meet the condition and the only way of meeting it is with money," he said.

## 3,353 Jobs Obtained.

Rev. E. H. Tippet told the commission there are still possibilities for work in the house-to-house canvas. He urged the organization of hundreds of neighborhood clubs to give employment to one or two men.

Opposition to the delay developed after Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, submitted a report of the committee on plan for raising funds, in which further information on which to base appeals was obtained.

His report that 3,353 positions have been obtained through work of the commission.

The report recommended that further knowledge of facts be obtained before the campaign for funds is undertaken. In part the report read:

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# MAYOR SILENT ON CHARGES MADE BY HIM BEFORE TRIAL

MAYOR BAKER had little to say yesterday about the interviews he had given immediately after Thomas Gibbons was shot during the attack by the Plain Dealer gangmen on a Leader-News delivery truck.

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The mayor was asked whether he still intended to "go right to the top" with the aid of the police force, and if he still, in view of the verdict, retained his ideas as to the public value of the death of Gibbons.

"I haven't anything to say about that," was Mr. Baker's response.



## WILL CITE FIGURES TO RAISE JOB FUND

Unemployment Commission  
Finds 75 Per Cent. of Work  
Seekers Are Willing.

Members Decry Federation's  
Direct Charity Form  
of Relief.

Between 75 and 80 per cent. of Cleveland's unemployed are willing to work and will work.

Upon this estimate the mayor's unemployment commission will make its main appeal to the city's employed to share a day's wages in an effort to create a \$100,000 fund to make work for the deserving.

This was the outcome of a three-hour meeting of the commission yesterday at The Hollenden.

After receiving reports from employers who have conducted "acid tests" to learn if job seekers want work, Chairman F. H. Goff of the commission stated the figures presented, as a whole, indicate the large majority of applicants are in earnest.

Allen T. Burns gave additional figures to show that since the appointment of the commission the number of jobs given out daily by the state-city free employment bureau has increased from thirty-six to 197.

The figures indicated that while the commission has attempted to open every possible avenue to promote job giving, many of the places obtained were of only a temporary nature; and that little more can be accomplished until the expected bracing up of business.

"Shall this commission discontinue its efforts?" Mr. Goff asked. "In view of the general atmosphere, would it be well for the commission to report to the mayor that we have done all that it seems practicable for us to do?"

In the discussion that followed it finally was determined the commission should not lay down its burden but should go forward in any advisable manner to raise money to make jobs. The perplexing incidents of the last ten days relating to the collecting of the fund were brought up again yesterday.

How can the entire community be made to feel the need for such a fund; that caring for the situation is the community's responsibility; that the appeal is made for voluntary help without a trace of coercion on the part of the employers?

Can a campaign be conducted without an extensive and expensive organization? How shall the commission regard the contention of the Federation for Charity and Philanthropy that \$1 can be made to go further by giving the charity form of relief than in giving jobs, made by a fund?

After an inquiry by W. D. Sayle of the Cleveland Punch & Shear Co. as to how the federation arrived at its conclusion, Mr. Sayle said:

"Brother Jackson of the Associated Charities hasn't a leg left to stand on with an argument like that. I would rather lose half the money in giving employment than to save half of it in giving bread. Keeping a man's manhood is by far better than saving mere dollars."

Charles H. Eisenman said the only way to meet the situation is to meet it with money.

Suggestions more investigating should be done, the better to show the public the need for a fund, were objected to by some members. S. H. Halle, Victor W. Sincere and Rev. Dr. Worth M. Tippy were among those to share this view.

"The fund would give the public a chance to permit sidestepping direct charity," said Mr. Halle. Both he and Mr. Sincere urged haste. At adjournment it was hoped final action can be agreed on at another meeting today.

One concern reported to the commission it had ordered seventy men for acid test jobs. Fifty-three reported, and at the end of the fourth day thirty-three men were still at work. Four cases of utter destitution were discovered. One man came

wearing bedroom slippers. Thirty of the thirty-three were good workers.

For the Cleveland Railway Co. President John J. Stanley sent a report that of forty-four men hired all were good men and could be classed as destitute. The Cleveland Hardware Co. hired twenty-five. All proved good workers, but only one man was discovered who, in the opinion of that firm, could be classed as destitute.

Mr. Sincere said of fourteen hired by the Bailey Co. all save two were destitute and all were good workmen. The King Bridge Co. took on twenty-five, all willing workmen, but objected because nineteen were Roumanians with families in the old country and for that reason could not be classed as having as great a need for work as others on the bureau's lists.

Mr. Goff stated the emergency loan fund for men out of work has been provided for and that applications for relief of that sort should be made to Mr. Burns.

"There are reasons why the source of the money for these loans should not be made public," said Mr. Goff. "Small chattel loans will be made to deserving men. The money will be for immediate needs and not for bills contracted in past months. Six per cent. will be charged."

Another matter that will engross the attention of the commission today will be the framing of a report to the mayor. The report will contain frank admission of the difficulties the commission has experienced and possibly a recommendation that eventually laws must be enacted to prevent a repetition of this winter's unemployment situation. This report is also to contain these figures, presented to the commission yesterday by Mr. Burns:

One circular letter sent out by the employers' committee of the commission netted three jobs; another letter from this source, sixty-five; a chain letter sent out by Mr. Goff, twenty; solicitations among employers by W. H. Prescott and others, 1,334 five-hour jobs for five days; house to house canvass, 345, and the woman's work room in city hall, fifty.

Word reached Cleveland last night that a federal census of the unemployed, suggested Saturday for New York, will likely be carried to Cleveland and other large cities.

An unsolicited contribution of \$50 to the unemployed fund was made yesterday by Mrs. Alexander C. Brown, wife of the vice president of the Brown Hoisting Machinery Co. The fund now contains \$19,576. All but the \$10,000 gift of Samuel Mather was unsolicited.

## WANTS CITY MARTS AS FOOD CENTERS

Councilman Would Have Big  
Distributing Places to Hit  
High Cost of Living.

Plan Follows New York Idea  
of Freight Terminal  
System.

Establishment of great market and food distributing centers in connection with new freight terminals about to be laid out by railroads entering the city will be proposed by Councilman Alex Bernstein in a resolution at next city council meeting.

Following a plan adopted by New York city to reduce the high cost of living, Councilman Bernstein will propose the council committee that conducted a food inquiry last summer be instructed to invite railroad representatives to attend a public meeting at city hall to discuss the market terminal question.

The New York Central railroad is about to build a \$1,000,000 market

## SUES CITY TO KEEP LAKE FRONT TRACT

New York Company Claims  
Title to Land by Rail-  
road Mortgage.

Federal Court Action Comes  
as Mayor Moves to  
Take Property.

Cleveland's right to possession of lake front land occupied by the railroads, which city council Monday night authorized Mayor Newton D. Baker to assert at once, again is called into question in a suit against the city filed yesterday in federal court by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York.

Almost simultaneously with service on Mayor Baker yesterday afternoon came the announcement at city hall that first steps toward city ownership had been taken. Mayor Baker, following council's action, has directed Water Commissioner C. F. Schulz to lay mains in Front-av N. W. for the protection of the docks. This, when begun, constitutes city occupation.

City officials, confident the recent decision of the United States supreme court forever established Cleveland's rights to the land in litigation over twenty years, expressed surprise at the latest legal obstacle placed in their way.

The newest lake front suit goes back to 1849 when, it is claimed, the city of Cleveland conveyed to the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati railroad all the land involved. In this land, the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad is said to have had rights protected by the contract.

In 1891 the Cleveland & Pittsburgh mortgaged its entire property, rolling stock and right of way to the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., which now claims its rights are being infringed upon by the city's plan to take possession of the land and asks federal court to issue an injunction against Cleveland.

"The city's right to the land has been established," declared Mayor Newton D. Baker. "If the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. holds a mortgage on the property of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, the instrument seems to cover property not owned by the road. It seems to me the burden should be

terminal in New York under a plan approved by the state department of foods and markets, and it is held that this and other proposed market terminals will cut food prices 10 per cent. in that city.

The Nickel Plate and Cleveland & Youngstown railroads have adopted plans for new freight terminals near the central section of Cleveland and the New York Central has indicated it is desirous of enlarging its freight terminal facilities by asking permission to make seventy-six acres of land on the lake front east of E. 9th-st.

Councilman Robert Foster is planning to appeal to the New York Central to build a market terminal at the foot of E. 105th-st on land which he says is ideally situated for market purposes.

The freight terminal of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad will be on land extending from the intersection of E. 9th-st, Orange-av and Broadway S. E. to E. 34th-st and

Pittsburg-av S. E. An ordinance authorizing the necessary vacation or readjustments of streets soon will be introduced in council. The Nickel Plate freight terminal is to be at E. 9th-st and Canal-rd S. E.

on the Pennsylvania railroad, lessee of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, rather than upon the city."

The law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey represents the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. The petition asks that Cleveland be called upon to answer the allegations of the bill, that a temporary injunction be issued preventing interference with the railroad and that the injunction be made permanent on final hearing.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. bases its right to sue on the ground that it was not a party to the original lake front land litigation.

It is claimed that on Sept. 13, 1849, the city of Cleveland by Mayor F. W. Bingham, under authority of council, transferred the land involved to the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati railroad. The Cleveland & Pittsburgh, it is said, had rights in the land, acquired by purchase and by appropriation, aside from the rights guaranteed under the transfer of 1849.

All provisions of the contract, it is said, were carried out by the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula railroad and the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati railroad.

Dec. 1, 1891, it is claimed, the Cleveland & Pittsburgh mortgaged to the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. its entire property as security for a \$10,000,000 bond issue, of which \$9,382,000 has been issued and is outstanding, but not yet matured. This mortgage, it is claimed, is a first lien on the railroad property and, since an integral part of the property consists of the lake front land Cleveland thought it owned, is also a first lien upon the land.

The land is described as being bounded "southerly by a line parallel with and 132 feet distant northerly from the south line of Front-st as now laid out; westerly by the east bank of the Cuyahoga river as it now runs and the east government pier; easterly by the westerly line of W. 9th-st, formerly Water-st, produced northerly to Lake Erie; northerly by the harbor line in Lake Erie, established by the United States government," excepting two minor parcels included within these boundaries.

Cleveland's importance as a freight and ore center is dwelt upon by the complainant in describing the loss it will suffer if the city goes ahead with its dispossession projects. It is stated that in 1913 over 6,000,000 tons of freight, 3,500,000 tons of iron ore, 2,000,000 tons of coal and one-third of the freight business done by the Cleveland & Pittsburgh was handled over docks or in railroad yards on the land involved.

"To be dispossessed of the use of said property for railroad purposes," the petition states, "would seriously and irreparably cripple the operation of said railroad company of necessary terminal facilities until such time as, at the expense of millions of dollars, other locations could be acquired and its tracks in and out of the city changed."

It is pointed out that since 1850 part of the land has been used and occupied by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad and the Cleveland, Chicago & St. Louis railroad as successors respectively of the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula and the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati.

Expensive loading and unloading machinery has been installed on the docks. From 1849 to 1893, it is said, the roads have spent \$1,000,000 on the property and since 1893 have spent \$200,000.

In 1893, the petition continues, the city of Cleveland instituted ejectment proceedings against the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, now the New York Central, and the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis railroads. The suit sought to oust the roads from the lake front land, it is claimed, on the ground that the contract of 1849 was invalid.

This litigation was in the courts until Nov. 16, 1914, when a judgment was granted in favor of the city, the petition continues, which Cleveland claims establishes its right to dispossess the railroads of all except trackage rights.

A hearing on the petition is expected this week.



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Proposal to Give Charity In-  
stead of Jobs Meets With  
Storm of Protest

RETAIL MERCHANTS ARE  
READY TO GIVE HELP

County Commissioners Ride  
Rough Shod Over Request  
to Join in Movement

The retail merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce stood ready Wednesday to step in and take full command of the city's unemployment situation in the event Mayor Baker's committee, at the resumption of its relief discussion at the Hollenden at noon, failed to arrive at any definite conclusion.

The committee was expected to sit tight in its opposition to the plea of the Federation of Charities and the Associated Charities, voiced by Director Burns of the Cleveland Foundation Survey, that they be given the \$100,000 fund to administer, urging that the Associated Charities could make the money go further because of its facilities for investigation.

Secretary Williams of the Charity federation repeated that it was the federation's sentiment that the committee's plan is not feasible. Williams insists that such a scheme will not bring the results that organized help such as offered by the federation and the Associated Charities can accomplish. Superintendent Jackson of the Associated Charities declared that such a trivial sum as \$100,000 would result in but very little assistance being rendered. Jackson's only suggestion was that a larger fund be collected.

The plan to be used, in the event the committee disagreed, provides for employes contributing a day's pay to the \$100,000 fund, which is to be applied to the relief of the jobless. The employers planned to contribute the bigger part of the fund through personal donation and solicitation.

### Demand Fund Canvass

A determined effort was to be made at the commission's meeting Wednesday to drive home a decision to begin an immediate campaign for the collection of the proposed \$100,000 fund. Walter D. Sayle of the Cleveland Punch & Shear Works and Victor Sincere of the Bailey Company, together with others, who are opposed to any further delay, were to make the demand.

Work for 300 men will be provided in another month through an agreement reached Wednesday by the city with the Nickel Plate railroad to eliminate grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue.

Service Director Sidlo planned to submit to President Canniff and attorneys for the Nickel Plate an agreement whereby the city's part of the cost, \$712,000, is to be expended until the road is in position to raise its

share, \$2,200,000.

### County Refuses to Help

County commissioners Wednesday rode roughshod over recommendations of county engineers and requests of Mayor Baker's unemployment commission by ordering sandstone railings for Brooklyn-Brighton bridge, at a cost of \$6,000 more than "art stone," urged by engineers, would have cost.

Instead of putting 100 men to work, as the manufacturers of "art stone" promised to do, the sandstone order will give perhaps 50 men jobs, commissioners said.

"We believe sandstone will last longer than art stone," was all commissioners would say.

## HOPE TO CLEAR CITY'S RIGHT TO LAKE FRONT

Mayor Baker and Law Director Stockwell both declared Wednesday they expect little trouble in federal court overthrowing the doubt of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company as to the validity of the city's ownership of 30 acres of lake front between the river and West 9th street.

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Efforts.

Future activities of the unemployed commission depend on the action of Mayor Baker. The question of whether the commission, appointed by him to find a solution for the unemployment problem, shall raise a fund of not less than \$100,000 by general subscription was put up to him late yesterday.

The question was submitted in a letter signed by F. H. Goff, chairman, and eighteen other members of the commission. This letter recites that the commission has exhausted all other possibilities and that hundreds of unemployed persons are on the verge of starvation.

The letter makes these recommendations:

### Three Recommendations.

Exhausting of every resource to save men willing to work from the loss of self-respect occasioned by dependency.

Immediate raising of not less than \$100,000 to protect the most needy from pauperization.

Expenditure of this fund on permanent improvements in city playgrounds and parks.

While awaiting the response of Mayor Baker the commission is proceeding with definite plans to raise the work fund along lines formulated several days ago. The decision to inform the mayor that the raising of the fund was the last resource of the commission, was reached yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the commission at its quarters in the Hollenden Hotel.

### Charities Opposition.

Opposition of organized charities to the proposal to raise the fund had previously threatened to end the usefulness of the commission. This opposition, together with differences of opinion as to methods of raising the fund, has seriously delayed the commission's work.

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In general, the commission proposes to raise the fund by what is to be termed a "lend-a-hand" campaign to last a week. Every citizen who is able is to be asked to contribute one day's income to the fund. The mayor is expected to designate the date of the opening of the campaign.

### Letter to Mayor Baker.

The letter from the commission to

the mayor, reads in part:

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"What has been accomplished falls far short of protecting from dependency the 11,000 who have registered as destitute, who are included in the nearly 22,000 who have sought employment at the State-City Free Labor Exchange."

"Only on recourse remains for protecting the most needy from the danger of pauperization, even to the extent of what has thus far been accomplished. \* \* \* \*"

"Should the community be called upon to contribute to a fund for lessening the need of appeals to relief agencies?" \* \* \* \*"

Besides Mr. Goff and Mr. Burns, the letter was signed by C. E. Adams, Morris Black, W. H. Cottingham, Charles Eisenman, T. S. Farrell, Samuel Halle, Myrta L. Jones, George W. Kinney, W. H. Prescott, W. D. Sayle, Samuel Scovil, Rev. M. O. Simons, Victor Sincere, J. J. Stanley, J. J. Sullivan, Rev. E. H. Tippet and Rev. Worth M. Tippy.

### Work Fund Totals \$19,701.

The work fund now is \$19,701 by voluntary contributions. The last contribution was one of \$125 from employees of the Browning & King Company. It was made without solicitation, the check being delivered to the commission at its session yesterday.

Nearly 500 unemployed men registered at the State-City Free Labor Exchange will be put to work today. Two hundred will go to work in various factories, as a result of efforts of the employers' committee. Another hundred will go to work on the Fairmount reservoir and a like number in Edgewater, Gordon and Wade Parks. Fifty men will join the tusssock moth crusade under City Forester Body and twenty-five will be employed by the Cleveland Telephone Company. The labor exchange placed 130 men and thirty-one women yesterday.



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## DEMOCRATS TO BAR WITT FROM HEADING BOARD

Will Violate Precedent in Refusing to Name Mayoralty Candidate Chairman of Executive Committee.

PRECINCT CAPTAINS WILL MEET AT ACME HALL FEB. 4

Fiery Speeches Expected at Tippecanoe McKinley Banquet February 6.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Notices will be sent out today to all of the Democratic precinct captains to be at Acme Hall February 4 to be introduced to Peter Witt, their non-partisan Democratic mayoralty candidate.

While the call for the meeting was being prepared, it became known that the Democratic executive committee, which indorsed Witt some days ago, plans to violate its own precedent and will not elect Witt chairman.

Beginning with Chairman Tom L. Johnson and continuing with Chairman Newton D. Baker, the mantle of the Democracy has not been considered regularly disposed on a mayoralty candidate until he assumed office as chairman of the party committee. Mayor Baker resigned so that Congressman R. J. Bulkley, at the time engaged in a desperate contest for renomination, could go out before the public with the full and official backing of the organization.

Several prominent members of the committee smiled scornfully when they were asked if Witt was to be elected chairman. When Vice Chairman Haserodt was asked whether the customary party sanction was to be given to Witt he replied:

"As long as we have a chairman there is no necessity of discussing a successor unless he resigns, a contingency I consider very remote."

Whether Witt will claim party regularity for his own political record when he addresses the Democratic committeemen could not be ascertained yesterday. Witt went to Washington in the afternoon.

Fiery political speeches are expected at the Tippecanoe McKinley banquet at the Hotel Statler February 6 as the result of the receipt yesterday of a letter from Congressman S. D. Fess, who will be one of the orators. Fess wrote James B. Ruhl, chairman of the banquet committee, accepting the invitation to speak.

"I have some fight in my system and feel the near future demands courage that will not flinch in fighting the common enemy," the letter said.

Fess' subject will be "A Militant Republican Policy." Governor Frank B. Willis will be the guest of honor at the banquet, making his first appearance in Cleveland since his inauguration. Myron T. Herrick will tell his personal recollections of McKinley, and the oration eulogizing the martyred President will be delivered by John J. Sullivan.

## AWAITS APPROVAL OF BAKER TO RAISE FUND FOR JOBLESS

Unemployment Commission Reports to Mayor and Urges Immediate Action on Campaign.

Says Work Opportunities Are Exhausted, With 11,000 Destitute and Many Starving.

EXPECTS QUICK REPLIES TO APPEALS FOR CASH

Would Use Money on Park and Playground Improvements.

Feeling that the present possibilities of the "give a job" campaign are practically exhausted, the unemployment commission yesterday noon determined to report to Mayor Newton D. Baker and ask if he agreed with the commission that a \$100,000 fund should be raised to make additional jobs for the unemployed.

Chairman F. H. Goff and Secretary Allen T. Burns of the commission at 5 o'clock presented a written report to the mayor.

The report contained these facts:

At least 50,000 \$1 jobs have been obtained through the efforts of the commission.

What has been accomplished falls far short of protecting from dependency the 11,000 who have registered as destitute at the state-city free employment exchange.

Hundreds Are Starving.

Hundreds of unemployed are on the verge of starvation.

That these unfortunates should be assisted in retaining their manhood by being provided with work instead of forcing them to list themselves as paupers and accept charity.

That the only recourse remaining, in the commission's opinion, is the raising of a fund to provide half-time work for 2,000 of the most destitute until April 1.

Before resorting to this only remaining recourse, the report concludes, "the committee desires your advice."

When the mayor received the report he said he was pleased with what he called the commission's "patriotic work" and declared the body might be assured of his co-operation. He said he would reply to the report today.

The commission at its meeting in The Hollenden yesterday noon was unanimous in agreeing a fund should be raised at once if the mayor sanctioned the idea.

In anticipation the mayor would agree with the commission Chairman F. H. Goff and Secretary Allen T. Burns were instructed to announce

today the men who will handle the campaign.

"If this goes through," said Mr. Goff, "the community must be impressed that though the problem is a community responsibility, the appeal must be strictly for voluntary contributions. Employers must not engage in coercion to outlive other concerns in amounts contributed."

The slogan for the proposed campaign will be "share a day's wages."

While the commission was engrossed with a discussion of the feasibility of asking the community to support the fund campaign, Charles A. Dolan, president of the Retail Merchant Board of the Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Browning, King & Co., sent a check for \$125 to Mr. Goff.

This sum represented portions of the wages of the Browning, King & Co. The fact that this sum, like a half dozen unsolicited contributions received by the commission in the last week, raising the fund to \$19,701, indicated, the commission believes, the manner in which the community would respond to an organized appeal.

Several members of the commission stated their employees have only been waiting the final word of the commission to join in the movement.

So sure were the members the community will respond no ponderous fund soliciting committee and teams will be used to carry the appeal to the public, if the mayor gives his expected unqualified indorsement of the idea.

It is expected a committee will be chosen from the commission's membership for this purpose. Employers will likely be asked to post notices in their places of business that employees may have a part of their wages subtracted from pay envelopes to be forwarded to the commission.

Telephone calls will be made, letters written, visits paid to stores and industries by the commissioners in whatever time can be spared from their business.

If the fund is collected, it will be expended under the commission's direction in the permanent improvement of the city's parks and playgrounds.

This, the committee believes, will do the greatest possible good in solving what has seemed to be largely a

problem to get work for the unskilled workman.

Director of Service Thomas L. Sidlo said work would likely begin on the elimination of the Nickel Plate grade crossings by March 1. This would give work to about 300, but the commission believes this is but another argument why the fund raising should be begun at once to care for the men until the greater volume of work opens in March and April.

More than 300 men yesterday went to work on odd jobs furnished by the state-city bureau.

## FORMULATE PLANS FOR NEW CIRCUIT TO BUCK C. A. B. A.

Recreation Commissioner Black is Father of Latest Baseball Move.

Hope in This Way to Discipline the Old Organization.

City officials at a meeting in the office of Mayor Baker yesterday formulated plans for the formation of a new amateur baseball league. This will be the outcome of the altercation between the city and representatives of the Cleveland Amateur Baseball association, if plans tentatively agreed upon are carried out.

This step was advised at yesterday's meeting by Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black. In his opinion a rival baseball league should be formed if the C. A. B. A. heads refuse to work in harmony with the city.

"This is better than the commission idea," he said. "As a matter of fact there is no need of a commission. The charter gives the division of recreation complete jurisdiction over such matters. If the C. A. B. A. refuses to work in harmony with the department it should be disciplined. One way to do it is to form a rival league. I am in favor of such a move at this time. Of course there should only be one league, but it has become necessary to settle the questions that have caused the present disagreement and the formation of a new league is one way to do it."

The meeting in the mayor's office yesterday was attended by Councilman J. W. Reynolds, Councilman E. A. Meyers, Commissioner Black and Superintendent Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department.

## PROPOSES CONCERT HALL

Official Suggests Use for New City Hall Council Chamber.

A concert hall with a seating capacity of 800 will be one of the features of the new city hall on the lake front if a plan advocated yesterday by Councilman William Rolf is approved by other members of city council.

Councilman Rolf contended yesterday that the large council chamber that will be one of the adornments of the building well could be used for municipal concerts on evenings that it is not in use for council meetings.

In his opinion, the municipal symphony orchestra could give one concert each week in this auditorium at a higher scale of admission prices than is charged at the popular Sunday afternoon concerts.



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# GIVE THURSDAY'S PAY TO JOBLESS, MAYOR'S REQUEST

## Give Day's Pay to Jobless Feb. 4, Says Mayor Baker

Mayor Baker, in a letter to the unemployment relief committee Thursday, fixes February 4 for all employed persons who wish to share one day's earnings with those out of work. The mayor's letter reads:

The work already done by you has relieved suffering and destitution. There remains, however, a substantial number of men and women willing to work and who must either have work or become dependents upon public or private aid.

I believe that the sound heart and community sense of this city is willing and anxious to meet its responsibility to these fellow citizens, and I can think of no better plan than that suggested by you.

You propose to collect a fund to be expended under the joint supervision of responsible public officers and of your committee in making the public parks permanently more serviceable to the people, and this fund is to be created by giving the widest possible opportunity to those of small as well as large means to do their share in meeting this call upon our humanity and city pride.

*I heartily approve your plan and with your permission fix Thursday, February 4, as a day for the voluntary sharing of one day's earnings by as many of our fellow citizens as can be reached by you with an adequate picture of the need.*

When your committee shall have extended this opportunity, collected the money, and supervised its prudent and helpful expenditure, its labors will be done, and whatever, if anything, remains to do will be up to the people of Cleveland.

Mayor Baker Thursday set Thursday, February 4, as the day on which all Cleveland will be asked to come to the relief of the vast army of jobless and destitute. His action, which came in the form of a letter to Chairman F. H. Goff of the committee on unemployment, was in the nature of the city's official indorsement of the committee's campaign for \$100,000 to be used in creating jobs. The day is to be known as "lend-a-hand" day.

Late Thursday Chairman Goff proposed to "appoint a general committee to begin immediate arrangements for the collection of the \$100,000, the committee to be composed of Allen T. Burns, Charles E. Adams, Morris Black, W. H. Cottingham, Charles Eisenman, Thomas Farrell, Samuel Halle, Myrta L. Jones, George W. Kinney, W. H. Prescott, Walter D. Sayle, Samuel Scovil, Victor Sincere, John J. Stanley, J. J. Sullivan, Rev. Minot O. Simmons, Rev. E. H. Tippet and Rev. Worthy M. Tippy.

The personnel of the committee will represent practically every big commercial and charitable line which has been active in the relief campaign. This means that the retail merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce, which Wednesday threatened to take the situation in its own

Burns presented Baker the facts late Wednesday.

"The vital idea of this scheme," Goff said Thursday, "is to impress upon the community that the problem is their problem."

After a fashion the employer and employe will form themselves into a mutual aid society, with each offering aid in proportion to his means. The mayor's letter also sets forth that February 4 is the day on which the employe may contribute one day's earnings to the general fund.

### Gifts Must Be Voluntary

According to Goff this appeal to the employes must be strictly voluntary. Employers must not engage in coercion in any attempt to defeat other concerns in amounts contributed.

Notices in all the leading business houses and smaller ones, too, will be posted in conspicuous places, informing the employe that he or she may contribute one day's earnings to the relief of the jobless. It is likely that no line will be drawn in this respect, and that as much or as little as the employe cares to contribute will be

hands in the event of further delay, will co-operate with the general committee.

### Charities Are Rebuked

The mayor's indorsement of the committee's plans and the evident decision of the retail merchants to offer their co-operation in the work were taken as a direct rebuke of the Associated and Federated Charities, which on Tuesday through Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director, declared the situation could be handled better through the charities than by the committee in giving relief rather than in providing jobs.

Mayor Baker's letter to the committee was an unqualified approval of that body's activities. The work already accomplished and the plans for the future were highly commended by the mayor, who, however, pointed out that the work along these lines is just begun. Baker characterized the movement as a splendid call upon humanity and civic pride, and concluded by saying that what was left undone when the committee finished its labors was strictly up to the people themselves. The setting aside of a special day by the mayor for the collection of funds was the result of the committee's appeal for an expression of the city's attitude in regard to instituting a general campaign for help. Goff and

accepted.

This is only one of the schemes to be employed in an effort to relieve the distress. The committee plans to call upon influential persons for aid. Personal visits will be made, if necessary. Telephone calls and letters are expected to bring ready responses.

### Money Goes to Park Work

The money collected is to be applied to making the city beautiful, effecting permanent improvements in

the parks, driveways, etc. It is likely that the fund will be expended under the joint supervision of public officers and the unemployment committee as suggested by Baker.

Nearly 500 men returned to work Thursday morning, many of whom found work in the reopening of departments in various factories. Scores found work on the Fairmount reservoir and just as many in Gordon and Edgewater parks. Fifty men joined the tussock moth crusade under City Forester Boddy, and some 30 were put at work by the Cleveland Telephone Company—all through efforts of the committee.

## URGE CITY APPOINT PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Baker, other city officials and councilmen Thursday received copies of a report of the Chamber of Commerce municipal art and architecture committee, urging immediate appointment of a city planning commission, as provided for in the new charter.

The report recommends county commissioners be furnished means for surveying the proposed outer boulevard and park system.



# RAISE JOBS FUND

—BAKER URGES

Mayor Names Next Thursday  
as Day for Employment  
Contributions.

CITY IS ASKED TO HELP

Chairman Goff Urges That  
Mun Improvement Funds  
be Spent at Once.

Two proposals for immediate relief of Cleveland jobless were to be put up to the unemployment commission by Chairman F. H. Goff at a special meeting Thursday noon.

The first is the suggestion by Mayor Baker, in answer to the commission's report it is up against a stone wall, that Thursday, Feb. 4, be named the day for raising of a general share-a-day's earnings relief fund among all employed.

The second proposal is that the city at once turn over \$110,000 now available for park work and additional funds appropriated for street repair, sewer and other work, for hiring jobless men at once.

If the commission approves Baker's suggestion, a general campaign committee of 50, including labor leaders, manufacturers and others, will be named by the commission to whoop up the collection of a big relief fund next Thursday.

## Could Sell Certificates.

Goff's proposal the city join in by using now all appropriated funds was the result of a statement by Finance Director Coughlin that if the city will now give \$110,000 park money for relief, certificates of indebtedness could be sold in the spring for park work necessary then.

These certificates might be sold to the public in small denominations, Coughlin stated. They would be certificates issued in anticipation of revenue from taxes collectible in 1916.

Much of the work which ordinarily is done in parks in spring and summer can be done now, Goff pointed out. This would

## A Word to Mayor Baker.

Mr. Mayor:

The proposition has been made by the job commission and accepted by you that a public subscription be taken to provide work for the unemployed.

It is further proposed that the fund thus created be used on public works, in order that the entire public may benefit.

The city of Cleveland has \$110,000 in its treasury to use for park purposes, and \$238,000 in its street repair fund. This money is available for immediate use.

Since the employment fund is to be used for the benefit of the entire public, the first move in this campaign should be made by the city, and the \$348,000 of public money in the park and street repair funds should be utilized NOW.

If not, why not?

lessen the amount of money which will be needed in the parks later.

## May Adopt Both Plans.

Both the general contribution plan and the proposal to use city park and other funds may be approved by the commission. Chairman Goff stated Thursday he is convinced both projects are necessary to meet the crisis.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, has already prepared plans for the raising of the voluntary contribution fund.

"The campaign will be managed with a minimum of expense," said Burns. "We will send literature explaining the movement to stores, factories and offices. It will be up to the employees to adopt their own method of giving."

## Baker's Reply to Commission.

Here is Baker's letter to the commission:

"The work already done by you has relieved suffering and destitution. There remains, however, a substantial number of men and women willing to work and who must either have work or become dependents upon public or private aid.

"I believe that the sound heart and community sense of this city is willing and anxious to meet its responsibility to these fellow citizens, and I can think of no better plan than that suggested by you.

"You propose to collect a fund to be expended under the joint supervision of responsible public officers and of your committee in making the public parks permanently more serviceable to the people, and this fund is to be created by giving the widest possible opportunity to those of small as well as large means to do their share in meeting this call upon our humanity and city pride.

## Approves of Plan.

"I heartily approve your plan and with your permission fix Thursday, Feb. 4, as a day for the voluntary sharing of one day's earnings by as many of our fellow citizens as can be reached by you with an adequate picture of the need.

"When your committee shall have extended this opportunity, collected the money, and supervised its prudent and helpful expenditure, its labors will be done, and whatever, if anything, remains to do will be up to the people of Cleveland."

"For what you and your associates have already done I beg to express my personal and official appreciation and gratitude."

## BAKER WON'T SHIFT RECREATION CONTROL

Mayor Baker announced Thursday that the recreation division will remain in the department of public welfare.

This means that Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black and not M. J. McGinty will be the real head of all city recreational activities this summer. It had been proposed to transfer the work to the service department.

Here is the reorganization plan suggested to Baker by A. B. Williams, D. S. Humphrey, Worth M. Tippy and George A. Bellamy of the recreational advisory committee:

Dance hall inspector, muny orchestra leader and clerk in charge of permits for use of baseball grounds to be supervised by recreation commissioner.

All bathing beaches, muny dance halls and playgrounds to be under management of recreational commissioner.



## MAYOR CALLS ON ALL TO AID JOB FUND ON FEB. 4

**'Lend-a-Hand Day' Designated in Letter to Relief Commission.**

### UP TO CITIZENS, SAYS GOFF

**Committee of 100 Named to Arrange Details for Collection; Campaign On.**

The campaign to raise at least \$100,000 to give work to Cleveland's unemployed is on. It began yesterday and will close next Thursday, with "lend-a-hand day," when all persons who are able will be asked to contribute a day's income to the fund or "share one day's earnings," as Mayor Baker expressed it in a letter to the unemployment commission.

Mayor Baker's letter, fixing February 4 as the closing of the campaign, was sent yesterday in response to a report of the commission that the raising of such a fund was the last resource open.

Chairman Goff, of the unemployment commission, appointed a committee of one hundred, headed by Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, to handle the details of raising the fund. The first meeting of this committee of one hundred will be held tomorrow noon in room 104 at the Hollenden Hotel.

#### **'Now Up to the Community.'**

While thousands of voluntary contributions are expected to be sent in either to Chairman Goff, Secretary Burns, or J. J. Sullivan, treasurer of the unemployed commission, the committee of one hundred will seek to organize employees of stores and factories, so they may contribute in a body.

Literature pointing out the purpose of the campaign is being prepared by the publicity committee under the guidance of T. W. Garvin, secretary of the Cleveland Advertising Club. Pastors of all churches will be asked to announce the object of the campaign in their Sunday sermons.

"It is now the community's problem," Chairman Goff said yesterday. "The project will stand or fall according to the support given by the community."

#### **'Rebuke' for Charity Leagues.**

Part of the \$19,711 raised thus far is now being expended, men being at work in Edgewater, Gordon and Wade parks. Another group of fifty men are working under City Forester Boddy in fighting tussock moths. The latest contribution to the work fund was \$10 sent to Chairman Goff yesterday from the Ladies' Guild of the Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

The mayor's letter, which heartily endorsed the proposal to raise the fund by popular contributions, is taken as a rebuke of the action of the Associated Charities and Federation for Charity and Philanthropy in opposing the fund.

In part Mayor Baker's letter said: "I believe that the sound heart and community sense of this city is

willing and anxious to meet its responsibility to these fellow citizens, and I can think of no better plan than that suggested by you.

"I heartily approve your plan and with your permission, fix Thursday, February 4, as a day for the voluntary sharing of one day's earnings by as many of our fellow citizens as can be reached by you with an adequate picture of the need.

"When your committee shall have extended this opportunity, collected the money and supervised its prudent and helpful expenditure, its labors will be done and whatever if anything remains to do will be up to the people of Cleveland."

The following are members of the committee of one hundred appointed by Mr. Goff:

C. E. Adams, Juvenile Judge George S. Addams, W. D. B. Alexander, Mathew Andrews, A. L. Assmus, E. M. Baker, W. M. Baldwin, F. Baumgartner, Morris A. Black, Ben P. Bole, C. E. Bolton, Fred S. Borton, Thomas Brennan, Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, Fayette Brown, Allen T. Burns.

A. S. Chisholm, Harry N. Clarke, W. H. Cottingham, H. G. Dalton, James Daly, N. L. Dauby, George Davies, John H. Dexter, Charles A. Dolan, T. J. Dolan, Charles Eisenman, A. W. Ellenberg.

Mrs. M. A. Fanning, T. S. Farrell, Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, Simon Fischel, H. A. Fuller, Mrs. Ralph Fuller, Hugh Fullerton, C. H. Gale, F. H. Goff, C. A. Grasselli, George F. Gund.

H. E. Hackenburg, George Hahn, Samuel Halle, M. A. Hanna, Jr., J. W. Hart, Peter Hassenpflue, Edward D. Haug, W. S. Hayden, Joseph Heisman, George H. Hodgson, J. A. House, William H. Hunt, A. E. Hyre, R. L. Ireland, Miss Myrta Jones, A. E. King, George King, G. W. Kinney, R. P. Kinney, John L. Kling, A. C. Klumph, John Krause.

F. D. Lawrence, Mrs. Malcolm McBride, Edward McEachern, H. H. McKeehan, Stanley McMichael, Charles R. McVeagh, Walter L. Mapes, Samuel Mather, Delo Mook, Herman Moss, Augustus A. Nash, Samuel T. Nash, C. J. Neal, Crispin Oglebay, C. A. Paine, W. H. Prescott, George T. Protheroe, Fred W. Ramsey, William R. Rose, George S. Russell, Mrs. Henry S. Sanford, W. D. Sayle, Herman Schleman, George Schneider, F. A. Scott, Samuel Scovill, Miss Belle Sherwin, Victor W. Sincere.

Charles Smith, Rev. Joseph F. Smith, A. B. Smythe, D. Solomon, J. J. Stanley, F. W. Stecher, William F. Steffen, Charles Strong, J. J. Sullivan, W. C. Talmage, A. L. Taubman, A. S. Taylor, E. E. Teare, E. G. Tillotson, Rev. E. H. Tippet, Rev. Worth M. Tippy, Dr. J. E. Tuckerman, T. C. Wellsted, W. S. Wilson, H. W. S. Wood.

## BIG STATE FINE NOW HANGS OVER SOLONS' HEADS

**Councilmen Face \$500 Each for City's Failure to Cease Cuyahoga Pollution as Ordered.**

### STATE HEALTH BOARD MAY NOT ENFORCE LAW

**Third Sewage Disposal Plant to Keep Lake Clean Is Also Planned.**

Twenty-six members of the city council each will face a \$500 fine as a result of the city's inability to comply with the order of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river July 1.

Sewage disposal plants planned in accordance with the orders of the state cannot be completed before the time limit fixed in the order, issued July 22, 1912, Sanitary Engineer Pratt, in charge of the river purification work, said yesterday.

"The disposal plant at W. 58th street will be nearing completion and the work on the plant in Newburg Heights will be under way," said Pratt.

#### **May Not Push Fines.**

"I think that this will satisfy the state board of health and don't believe that there will be any effort to collect the \$500 penalty against city officials."

The board is expected to issue an order for the building of a third disposal plant along the easterly lake front, to prevent the pollution of lake waters. This will not extend the time for building the other plants, however, Pratt says.

The three disposal plants will cost \$2,000,000. Bonds for the improvements are not included in the Longworth debt limitation of 5 per cent of the tax duplicate, being ordered by the state.

#### **Provisions of Benze Act.**

The Benze act, under which the orders were issued, provides that city officials are personally liable for a \$500 penalty for failure to comply with the board's edict. The county prosecutor or attorney general is empowered to bring suit to collect the money in cases of violations of the board's orders.

Building of sewage disposal plants was Mayor Baker's original plan for obtaining a pure water supply. After he had been forced by minority members of the council to take steps to build a filtration plant, this work was pushed ahead of the disposal plant plans.

## TAXES BRANDED LEGAL ROBBERY

**Assistant Secretary of Labor Post, at Ben Franklin Club Banquet, Attacks System.**

Five hundred members of the Ben Franklin Club and friends heard the present system of taxation described as legalized and systematized robbery by Louis Freeland Post, assistant secretary of labor, at the club's annual banquet and ball held last night at Hotel Statler. Mr. Post said the correct form of taxation will be obtained only when the brotherhood of man is embraced by the people.

Others who spoke were: Mayor Baker, Rabbi Louis Wolsey, of the Euclid Avenue Temple; and District Federal Judge John H. Clarke. Congressman Robert Crosser was toastmaster. Two solos were sung by Joseph M. Halter, accompanied by Professor Frederic B. Stiven, of Oberlin College. Dancing followed the banquet.

"The present system of taxation cannot be made scientific," said Mr. Post. "Cleveland must support itself and must not depend for its support on taxation of speculative land values. Such condition of affairs can be brought about only when all men say to each other, 'You are as good as I, and have the same rights.'"

Mr. Post was formerly a printer in Cleveland. Later he studied law, and for two years was editor of the Cleveland Record. He founded the Public, a Chicago publication, and edited it until his appointment to his present position.

The Ben Franklin Club is one of the largest organizations of master printers in the country.

## BACHELORS NO FOOD PROBERS

**Council Should Pick Married Men, Says Head of Committee.**

Three bachelor members of the city council are to investigate the high cost of pork chops and porterhouse steaks in an effort to work out recommendations for reducing the cost of living. The first meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday.

"I believe council should have picked married men for the investigation," said Councilman Moylan, chairman of the committee, yesterday. Townes and Gahn are the other members of the committee.

Officials of the Union stockyard, representatives of the Retail Meat Dealers' Association and commission men will be invited to the first meeting. The investigation is being made at the request of Councilman Townes, who charges that excessive prices are added to meat products after they leave the farmer for the consumer.



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# PICK 100 CITIZENS TO GET DAY'S WAGE GIFTS FOR JOBLESS

Members of Cleveland Commission to Aid Unemployed Launch Move for \$100,000 Fund.

Charles E. Adams is Named Leader and Thursday as Time for General Offerings.

MONEY WILL ASSIST ONLY WORKERS HERE

Cash is to Provide Pay for Men Who Improve City Parks.

A citizens' committee of 100 is to carry into operation the recommendation of the unemployment commission and the wish of Mayor Newton D. Baker, that members of the community Thursday share a day's wages, or income, to form a \$100,000 fund for use in making work for at least 2,000 of the city's utterly destitute unemployed.

Chairman F. H. Goff late yesterday afternoon announced the personnel of the committee of 100. Charles E. Adams of the Cleveland Hardware Co., member of the commission, will be the committee's chairman.

"I can think of no better plan than that suggested by you. With your permission I fix Thursday as a day for sharing of one day's earnings by as many of our fellow citizens as can be reached by you with an adequate picture of the need."

These were sentences from a letter to the commission from Mayor Baker. The letter was read at a special meeting of the commission yesterday noon in The Hollenden.

## Ask Mayor's Sanction.

The commission had asked the mayor's sanction of the plan first suggested by Samuel Halle of the Halle Bros. Co.

The fund-raising scheme, in the judgment of the commission, was made necessary by the fact three weeks' untiring efforts of the commission, employers, house-to-house canvassers, city, state and county officials had furnished only 50,000 \$1 jobs—far short of the demand made by the needy, in some cases almost starving unemployed.

Mr. Goff spent the afternoon in selecting the citizens' committee and getting in touch with members either personally or over the telephone.

He has chosen labor leaders, capitalists, suffragists, manufacturers, retail merchants and clergymen, the latter list containing the name of Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland.

This committee, which is considered the most representative and democratic ever selected to solve a community problem, is to meet at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow in The Hollenden.

den to work out a plan of action for a brief, aggressive campaign.

## Would Inform Community.

In the opinion of Chairman Goff the committee's most important task will be to familiarize the community with the picture of destitution brought before the unemployment commission in its three weeks of investigating and job hunting.

"The community will not question the need of sharing a day's wage and lending a hand to victims of misfortune through unemployment nor raise a query concerning the value of the effort if it can be made to see the picture I see," Mr. Goff said.

"There are many on the brink of starvation, on the verge of having to relinquish their claim to manhood by an appeal for charity. If they go over that brink, it will be a difficult task later to pull them up.

"Here is the opportunity to save the relief agencies a large share of their task of reconstruction for the

underfed and the under cared for. It is safe to say there are at least 2,000 men who are destitute and willing to work.

"There is the example of one large concern who investigated thirty-three men it hired to find out whether the men were deserving of work whether they were destitute. Only

three of that number were found who did not need work and help. One man reported to his company wearing bedroom slippers because he had no shoes."

Victor W. Sincere, Mr. Halle, Allen T. Burns and Charles Eisenman will work with members of the Ad club in getting pithy appeals ready for posters and circular letters.

Every minister affiliated with Federated Churches will put the community appeal before their congregations Sunday.

Contributions may be sent to Col. J. J. Sullivan, president of the Central National bank, or to Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland foundation, Goodrich house, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 8th-st.

The commission thus far has \$19,711 at its disposal. The latest contribution was the Women's guild of Lakewood Presbyterian church, which sent \$10 to the commission yesterday. This contribution was made before the commission determined to raise the \$100,000.

The money will be utilized in making permanent improvements to city parks which could not otherwise be undertaken for several years. Half-time jobs for 2,000 men will be given until April 1.

Men selected for the jobs will be chosen from lists of the state-city free employment exchange. "Floater" from other cities will have little chance to benefit from the fund.

"The fund is to be the community's for the community" is the edict of the commission.

The commission will meet this noon in The Hollenden.

Men and women named by Mr. Goff to serve on the citizens' committee are:

C. E. Adams, Juvenile Judge George S. Addams, W. D. B. Alexander, Mathew Andrews, A. L. Assmus, E. M. Baker, W. M. Baldwin, F. Baumgartner, Morris A. Black, Ben P. Bole, C. E. Bolton, Fred S. Borton, Thomas Brennan, Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, Fayette Brown, Allen T. Burns, A. S. Chisholm, Harry N. Clarke, W. H. Cottingham, H. C. Dalton, James Daly, N. L. Dauby, George Davies, John H. Dexter, Charles A. Dolan, T. J. Dolan, Charles Eisenman, A. W. Ellenberg, Mrs. M. A. Fanning, T. S. Farrell, Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, Simon Fischel, H. A. Fuller, Mrs. Ralph Fuller, Hugh Fullerton, C. H. Gale, F. H. Goff, C. A. Grasselli, George F. Gund, H. E. Hackenburg, George Hahn, Samuel Halle, M. A. Hanna, Jr., J. W. Hart, Peter Hassenpflue, Edward D. Haug, W. S. Hayden, Joseph Heisman, George H. Hodgson, J. A. House, William H. Hunt, A. E. Hyre, R. L. Ireland, Miss Myrtle Jones, A. E. King, George King, G. W. Kinney, R. P. Kinney, John L. Kling, A. C. Klumpp, John Krause, F. D. Lawrence, Mrs. Malcolm McBride, Edward McEachren, H. H. McKeehan, Stanley McMichael, Charles R. McVeagh, Walter L. Mapes, Samuel Mather, Delo Mook, Herman Moss, August A. Nash, Samuel T. Nash, C. J. Neal, Crispin Oglebay, C. A. Paine, W. H. Prescott, George T. Protheroe, Fred W. Ramsey, William R. Rose, George S. Russell, Mrs. Henry S. Sanford, W. D. Sayle, Herman Schleman, George Schneider, F. A. Scott, Samuel Scovill, Miss Belle Sherwin, Victor W. Sincere, Charles Smith, Rev. Joseph P. Smith, A. B. Smythe, D. Solomon, J. J. Stanley, F. W. Stecher, William F. Steffen, Charles Strong, J. J. Sullivan, W. C. Talmage, A. L. Taubman, A. S. Taylor, E. E. Teare, E. G. Tillotson, Rev. E. H. Tippet, Rev. Worth Tippy, Dr. J. E. Tuckerman, T. C. Wellsted, W. S. Wilson, H. W. S. Wood.

# URGES SINGLE TAX AT FRANKLIN CLUB

Assistant Secretary of Labor Post Talks at Anniversary Dinner.

Prominent Speakers Honor Memory of Great Inventor.

According to reasoning of Louis F. Post, first assistant secretary of labor, our system of taxation amounts to "enforced contribution with a basis likened to a highway robbery. Robbery is unscientific. Therefore scientific taxation is impossible."

Mr. Post was the principal speaker last night at the fourth annual banquet of the Ben Franklin club in Hotel Statler. The speaker supplemented his reasoning with the statement: "It does not follow that collection of public revenue cannot be made scientific." In his further argument for the single tax he said:

"Suppose I were to tell you that I could assure a population for Cleveland of 2,000,000 within one year. How long do you suppose you would stay in this room? And what would you do when you left? You would borrow every cent you could to buy up the city of Cleveland."

One hundred and fifty attended the banquet which marked the 209th anniversary of the man for whom the club was named. All speakers paid homage to the man whom Horace Greeley said should be honored because "he never got drunk."

Other speakers introduced by Congressman Robert Crosser, toastmaster, were Mayor Newton D. Baker, United States District Judge John H. Clarke and Rabbi Louis Wolsey. Rabbi Wolsey spoke on "Peace as an Ideal." He attributed the war to fear nations have for each other.

"The world will go on for all time with a spirit of pugnaciousness that is the basis of human kind, a part of our physical inheritance," he said. "But if we must fight there are plenty of evils to fight, for example the evils of unemployment that now confronts us here. It is an evil which brings crime, disease, poverty."

At the speakers' table were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corday, Rabbi Wolsey, Mayor Baker and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cannon, Congressman and Mrs. Robert A. Crosser, Secretary Post, Judge John H. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gardner.

# PREDICT BUS LINES IF CAR FARE RAISES

Councilmen Believe People Would Prefer New Service if Rate is Boosted.

Resolution Will Seek Transfer of Autos to E. 30th-st.

An auto bus invasion and serious competition with the Cleveland Railway Co. will result from any further increase in fares, members of city council asserted yesterday on learning that the annual meeting of the railway company had brought out that the company soon may ask an increase in the operating allowance and that a new advance in fare may take place.

To bring about a direct test of the possibilities of the auto bus Councilman William Stolte will offer legislation at Monday night's council meeting calling on the company to operate its three busses on E. 30th-st. The busses have been in use on Noble-rd in East Cleveland.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds said yesterday that inasmuch as there would be a year's delay in the construction of the proposed crosstown line he would favor the plan.

Council is in doubt as to its right in determining the location of an auto bus line and for this reason Councilman Stolte will have a meeting with Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt prior to offering his resolution.

"If we are going to have 4-cent fare, bus competition will follow," said Councilman Stolte yesterday. "Thousands of people would prefer bus service at 5 cents to street car service at 4 cents."

Councilman J. J. McGinty declared yesterday that in view of the situation, there was no likelihood of the passage of the pending resolution authorizing the company to buy the North Randall line for \$146,000.

In addition he expressed belief there would be opposition to the expenditure of \$60,000 for the purchase of the property at Denison-av S. W. and W. 73d-st for operating station purposes.

Councilman Reynolds is gathering data from the municipal reference library with reference to auto bus service in London and other cities.



## 30-ACRE PLOT ON LAKE FRONT TAKEN BY BAKER

Mayor in Person Makes Trip  
to Maze of Tracks With  
Ejectment Writ

### CITY CLINCHES VICTORY IN 23-YEAR LITIGATION

Pennsy and New York Cen-  
tral Dispossessed From E.  
9th Street to River

Mayor Baker at noon Friday formally took possession of the 30 acres of lake front between the river and East 9th street, estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 and for which the city fought the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads in the courts for 23 years.

Armed with a writ of ejectment, issued by County Clerk Haserodt at the request of City Law Director Stockwell, Baker invaded the network of tracks covering the ground and formally declared the territory to be the city's. Stockwell, Service Director Sidlo and Deputy Sheriff Hanratty, acting for Sheriff Smith, were with him.

The United States supreme court, in a decision rendered October 16, decided in favor of the city.

In taking possession of the land Friday city officials checkmated efforts of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, New York, to tie the land up in further litigation. The company's suit, filed in federal court, asked that the city's title be declared invalid on the ground a \$10,000,000 mortgage it holds on the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad, now a part of the Pennsylvania lines, is endangered. The federal court failed to grant the injunction, so Baker and Stockwell claimed there was no hindrance to the city's taking immediate possession.

Councilman McGinty in council Monday night had a resolution passed, asking that Baker and Sidlo eject the railroads as the first step toward entering into negotiations for renting the property to the roads.

County Clerk Haserodt declared that the action of Baker, Stockwell and Sidlo in invading the land armed with a writ of ejectment makes it unnecessary for the writ to be served personally on officials of the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines.

## JOBLESS TO GET EVERY CENT OF \$100,000 FUND

Big Business Men in Charge  
Give Time to the Movement  
Free of Expense

Every cent of the \$100,000 fund which the more fortunate employed are asked to contribute on "lend-a-hand" day, next Thursday, is to be expended in hiring Cleveland labor for beautifying Cleveland parks. Members of the citizens committee of 100 Friday made clear there will be no overhead expense.

At the request of committee members Friday, Service Director Sidlo began compiling a schedule of work that can be done in the parks. A partial list follows:

Grading easterly end of Edgewater park, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Grading and laying out a boulevard through the Union avenue allotment; cost \$10,000.

Grading new Forest Hill parkway, north of St. Clair avenue; cost \$10,000 to \$15,000.

First work on new boulevard connecting Woodland Hills and Garfield park; cost \$10,000.

Finishing touches on West boulevard south of the Nickel Plate, costing \$3,500 to \$5,000.

It's admirable that Cleveland workers are to be given the opportunity to share a day's earnings with the unemployed," said Sidlo. Mayor Baker has heartily sanctioned the idea.

Details of advertising literature with which Cleveland is to be flooded

from Monday to Thursday were considered Friday noon at a luncheon of the mayor's committee at the Hollenden. Advertising work is being done by Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director; Victor Sincere, Bailey Company; Samuel Halle, Halle Bros. Company, and Charles Eisenman, Jewish Federated Charities, at no expense.

A canvass of downtown office buildings, so as not to permit anyone to escape, was being planned Friday by Burns. More definite details will be perfected Saturday noon at the Hollenden, when the citizens' committee of 100 has its first meeting.

Pastors will urge from their pulpits Sunday that the "lend-a-hand" day be made a success. Rev. Worth M. Tippy and Rev. E. H. Tippet are in charge of this work. They will seek to impress on parishioners that several thousand men and families in Cleveland are on the verge of starvation and must be cared for.

#### Change City Contract

Board of control members, at the instance of Mayor Baker and Welfare Director Cooley, Friday, voted to award the contract for \$3,800 worth of furniture for the new nurses' home, City hospital, to a Cleveland house representing outside manufacturers. The bid of the Bonhard Art Furniture company, 2060 Euclid avenue, which would have put several score of Cleveland workmen back on the job, was not considered.

Soon after Baker named the unemployed relief commission, Chairman F. H. Goff and other members urged Baker and Service Director Sidlo to award as many contracts as possible to Cleveland firms, although the cost might be increased somewhat.

# MAYOR WON'T USE PARK FUND TO HELP IDLE

Baker Says Money is Not  
Available at This Season  
of Year.

### GOFF SCORES REFUSAL

Plan Immediate Steps to  
Raise Sum of \$100,000 for  
Public Work.

Mayor Baker said Friday the city will not use \$110,000 park funds now in the treasury for relief jobs for Cleveland's unemployed.

In refusing to recognize the unemployment situation as a city responsibility, Baker made it the burden of individual Clevelanders.

In view of the mayor's attitude, Clevelanders became active Friday with plans to raise a great relief fund Thursday, Feb. 4, the contribution day set by the unemployment commission.

Baker stated he would oppose borrowing of money by the city to help provide emergency jobs.

While Baker was refusing city aid, F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, was sending out a call for all Clevelanders to help in the citywide campaign for contributions.

C. E. Adams, chairman of the campaign committee of 100 named by Goff, has set \$100,000 as the tentative amount to be raised.

This amount would provide half time jobs for 2000 men till April. Goff said Friday the city should turn over every cent possible to care for the much greater number of unemployed.

Baker said the \$110,000 park fund is for summer labor in operation and maintenance, and that if used now it would have to be added to the wheel of relief," Goff stated.

All funds collected are to be used for public work of a permanent nature in the parks, on boulevards and streets. It will be expended under the commission's direction.

Employment Commissioner Hennessy Friday issued the semi-annual report of the state-city free labor bureau, showing the work of the unemployment commission so far has given jobs through the bureau to 1950 workers.

The report shows 510 men have been put to work in parks, and paid from the \$19,576 already raised by the commission; a canvass of employers brought 745 jobs; a house-to-house canvass 245 jobs.

Establishment of three additional, state free employment agencies at Akron, Canton and Youngstown was decided on at a conference between Gov. Willis, the special legislative committee on unemployment, and Prof. M. B. Hammon of the industrial commission at Columbus Friday. It was agreed to recommend that as much public work as possible be started immediately to give employment.

Hennessy's report showed the Cleveland bureau ranks above all other state bureaus.

## CITY NOW HOLDS LAKEFRONTLAND

Deputy Sheriff John O'Malley Friday formally delivered to Mayor Baker and other city officials the 40-acre tract of lake front land recently awarded the city by the United States supreme court after a 21-year legal fight with railroads. The land lies between W. Ninth-st and the Cuyahoga river.

The presentation was made in the center of the tract, after officials had waded through snow waist deep.

"Railroad officials often said it would be a cold day when the city would take over the lake front land," commented Mayor Baker, shivering. "It surely is."

County Clerk Haserodt signed the writ of possession Friday and turned it over to the sheriff. He gave it to deputies O'Malley and Hanratty.

O'Malley read the writ to Baker first in the snow just east of the Lake Shore freight house, then again on the pier on the east side of the Cuyahoga river.

According to Mayor Baker, service of the writ of possession will have no bearing on a suit in federal court to enjoin the transfer. Judge Killits will hear the case Saturday.

## MAYOR WON'T USE PARK FUND FOR IDLE

placed later when necessary maintenance work is due.

This replacing could be made by issuing certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of 1916 revenue. The city has sanctioned borrowing of \$1,055,000 in 1915 on such certificates.

"I am against borrowing in anticipation of 1916 revenue, except in the event of a great catastrophe," Baker announced.

The mayor's attitude was in direct opposition to the belief of Chairman Goff.

At a special meeting Friday noon of unemployment commission members, Goff, Adams and Secretary Allen T. Burns outlined details of the campaign to raise the relief fund Thursday.

Two contributions were announced, one of \$100 from Amos B. McNairy, and another of \$250 from Thomas Fitzsimons.

#### No Direct Appeal Planned.

No direct appeal is to be made to individuals during the fund campaign. The campaign committee, through circulars and letters, is to show the need for voluntary contribution and furnish the opportunity.

"Clevelanders must accept this as their chance to put their shoulder to the wheel," Goff said.



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## BOARD PUTS VIM IN CAMPAIGN TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Committee of 100 Meets Today to Perfect Details; Retail Merchants' Board Agrees to Obtain Stores' Donations.

The "share-a-day's earnings" campaign to raise a \$100,000 fund to give work to Cleveland's unemployed is expected to gain impetus today when the citizens' committee of 100, headed by Charles E. Adams, meets at noon to perfect details. The meeting will be held in the Hollenden Hotel.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning the Retail Merchants' Board will hold a meeting to complete arrangements for obtaining contributions from employers and employees in the big downtown stores.

Not a detail by which the fund might be increased is to be overlooked. The citizen's committee is to be divided into squads, one to handle telephone solicitation, another to make an automobile canvass, another to write personal letters, another to canvass banks and another to solicit contributions from all persons employed or having quarters in the big office buildings. The Retail Merchants' Board is expected to handle the details of securing the contributions from stores.

### Stanley Offers Aid.

While yesterday was the second day of the campaign, it is to culminate Thursday, February 4, in "share-a-day's earnings" when every person who is able, is asked to contribute a day's income toward the fund.

As a part of the advertising plan to be a part of the campaign, a huge illuminated sign is to be erected on the Cleveland Trust Company's building, E. 9th street and Euclid avenue. Another is proposed on the Public square.

J. J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, has offered the services of his superintendents in circulating literature on the campaign among employees and in placing placards in all street cars.

In addition, these means of advertising, thousands of letters are to be sent out to employers and employees.

### Movies to Tell of Campaign.

The campaign is also to be advertised on the screens of 150 moving picture theaters beginning tomorrow. Efforts will also be made to have signs advertising the campaign carried on every automobile in Cleveland.

The Cleveland Railway Company, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company, and almost every downtown department store is already actively aiding the raising of the fund. It was announced yesterday at a meeting of the unemployment commission, that an investigation of forty-four unemployed men given work by the Cleveland Railway Company showed practically all were destitute.

All the men but three were married and thirty-nine of the number were the only support of a total of 113 children. All had been without employment from two to seven months. One man with a wife and five children had been without work for seven months.

The forty-four men were investigated under the direction of President Stanley, of the railway company. They were part of the number registered at the State-City Free Labor Exchange, who were given the days work as a test.

## WITT'S ATTITUDE ON COUNCILMEN AFFECTS TICKET

Democratic Committee Wonders if Candidate Will Pick Slate or Leave Voters to Do Own Choosing.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Democratic councilmen and aspirants for the council are wondering whether Peter Witt, the mayoralty candidate O. K'd by the Democratic committee, will have a slate of council candidates or not.

Witt's wishes will be consulted on that point by the committee, several organization leaders declared yesterday. The committeemen are in the dark as to Witt's desires and are waiting his return from Washington with eagerness.

It became known yesterday that in 1913 Witt went to Mayor Baker and protested against Baker having a slate of council candidates, urging that Baker permit the people to pick out their own candidates. This was not done by Baker, who never has made a secret of the fact that he believed the precedent of having slates for council, set by Tom L. Johnson, should be followed.

It is a peculiar situation. There has been some feeling between Witt and certain councilmen, Democrats, who, according to the rules of the political game, are entitled to the support of the committee for re-election. Whether Witt will bury this feeling, whether he will put candidates of his own in the different wards, whether he will back an organization slate made by the committee or whether he will keep himself out of the open in the councilmanic fight, are questions which will be asked by many of the Democratic party men.

It is hard to have a reputation for partisanship. James B. Ruhl, the newly appointed state insurance commissioner, has one, and he knows.

For the six months just preceding the last election, Ruhl's office was a distributing center for Republican campaign literature. Ruhl has a complete file of a weekly law report, of which he is very proud. Some unbound copies of this report, dry as dust to a layman, were in his outer office yesterday. The office was filled with appointment seekers and people who came to congratulate Ruhl. Ruhl found one of his callers diligently perusing one of the law reports.

"Jim," the man remarked, "this is interesting reading but I've read four pages and I haven't found anything about Willis yet."

Ruhl goes to Columbus today for his first talk with Governor Willis since the appointment.

Wets yesterday started a sentiment campaign against national and state prohibition legislation. Buttons were put out at the liberal headquarters in the Cuyahoga building, with the following legend:

"Give us a rest. No more legislation. Let's do business."

R. R. Hawkins, secretary of the Scottish-American Republican Club, announced yesterday that the club had unanimously indorsed William H. Boyd for mayor and that a committee of the club will wait on Boyd and ask him to run.

## MUST HAVE DEPOT FIRST, SAYS BAKER

Mayor More Interested in Passenger Station Than in Hall for Conventions.

Plans for a municipal convention hall should not be allowed to interfere with the building of a union passenger station at the foot of E. 3d street, Mayor Baker told members of the city council and the Chamber of Commerce convention hall committee, yesterday.

"I do not have any personal doubt but that a union depot will be built upon the city property at the foot of the mall," said Baker. "There has never been a disposition on the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to balk on the project and I believe that New York Central officials are anxious to proceed."

Attorney Max Goodman proposed that the city dispose of a portion of the Erie Street Cemetery and locate a convention hall upon the remainder of the land.

Councilman Meyers, Director of Public Service Sidlo and W. G. Rose, of the chamber committee, were named to consider sites for the proposed convention hall. The proposal to purchase a piece of property within the city group plan will be considered. The subcommittee will have another meeting Wednesday.

The executive committee of the convention board of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday for the purpose of planning a campaign to get the business men of the city interested in making Cleveland a convention city.

A letter, asking for contributions so that work can be carried on, was framed. It stated that Cleveland is behind all the other large cities in obtaining conventions, because the city has no place large enough to accommodate them.

## WILL PLACE LIMIT ON CITY SALARIES

Service Board to Fix Maximum and Minimum Pay of City Employees.

Fixing maximum and minimum salaries of all city employees under civil service is being planned by the city civil service commission in connection with a classification of employees. Salaries are to be standardized.

The commission has followed this policy in the past in dealing with clerical positions. Secretary E. A. Kline was directed yesterday to obtain data from other cities and to work out a system of standardization.

"The commission will make an effort to determine what positions are of equal importance and fix uniform salaries," said Kline. "It makes no difference if the work is not similar. Under the charter it is the duty of the commission to classify all positions."

The commission now fixes the maximum and minimum salaries for clerical positions and salaries are fixed by the board of control, within these limits. This policy is to be extended to include heads of divisions and other positions, according to members of the commission.

## LAKE FRONT LAND IS TAKEN BY CITY

Officials Present as Ejectment Writ Read—Injunction Hearing Today.

While an application for an injunction was pending in federal court, Mayor Baker and other city officials yesterday formally took possession of lake front land at W. 9th street awarded to the city by the United States Supreme Court after a twenty-one-year legal battle with three railroads.

Baker was armed with a writ of ejectment issued by County Clerk Haserodt at the request of the city law department. Deputy Sheriff O'Malley accompanied the city officials and twice read the writ as the party strolled about the tract in litigation.

A hearing on the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company's application for an injunction to prevent the city from dispossessing the railroads will be held before Judge Killits in federal court this morning.

The banking company claims to hold a \$10,000,000 mortgage upon the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad and claims that the operation of the railroad will be crippled if the land is taken by the city. It was not a party to the original litigation.

The tract in litigation consists of about thirty acres and is covered with vast docks and terminals of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Tracks of the Lake Shore and Big Four railroads also cross it. The estimated value of the property is \$20,000,000. Railroads claim the property by virtue of a lease made by the city in 1849.

The United States Supreme Court decision was to the effect that the property belonged to the city, but that the railroads had certain track rights. A suit in equity will probably be brought to determine these rights, if the injunction case is decided in favor of the city.



## START MACHINERY FOR JOBLESS FUND CAMPAIGN TODAY

Letters to 1,600 Employers  
Asking Co-Operation to be  
Mailed at Noon by  
Commission.

Ask Community to Share  
Next Thursday's Wages  
to Provide Work  
for Needy.

ALL INDICATIONS POINT  
TO SPEEDY RESPONSES

Many Large Companies Send  
Word of Support of  
Movement.

Machinery will be put into operation today to enlist community support in the unemployment commission's project to build a \$100,000 job fund. Employers and employees alike will be asked to share Thursday's wages or incomes to make work for the city's destitute.

The first wheels will turn when 1,600 letters will be mailed today to employers by the citizens' committee of 100, which meets at 12:30 p. m. in The Hollenden.

These letters ask the question "If you were unemployed, which would you want, work or charity?" The question is supplemented with an appeal to employers to lend their support and interest their employees in the plan to help the destitute job-seeking.

A swift, aggressive campaign which will be outlined today by Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee, is to include these features:

### Plan Aggressive Campaign.

Picturing the destitution the unemployment commission has found in its three weeks work.

Sending circular letters, with contribution blanks attached to the employees of concerns that promise co-operation. These blanks are to be signed by wage earners and presented to paymasters, with the request a share of a day's earnings be sent to the commission.

Placing 8,000 posters in street cars, factories and stores.

Selecting committees to make telephone appeals, mail circular letters, canvass office buildings and banks and visit districts in automobiles.

Enlisting aid of business associations of every crosstown corner, the Electrical league, the Ad club, the Ben Franklin club and the Young Men's Business club.

Having pastors affiliated with Federated Churches tomorrow announce from their pulpits the meaning of the effort.

### All Help to be Voluntary.

Impressing all that though the need is one of the most urgent the community has ever faced there will be nothing savoring of compulsion about sharing, and that the small gift

will be as welcome as the large.

Making emphatic that work to be done for city park improvement does not take 1 cent away from the city administration's regular financial obligations.

Flashing of the appeal upon the screens of 150 motion picture theaters.

Evidences of the quick response the commission expects from the "share a day's wages" plan were seen at the commission's meeting yesterday noon.

Charles A. Dolan, president of the retail merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce, was at the meeting, and before he left had arranged for a meeting of the board at 9:30 this morning in the chamber to insure that body's prompt action.

The Cleveland Railway Co., Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., William Taylor Son & Co., May Co., Bailey Co., Higbee Co., Halle Bros. Co., Burrows Bros., Morehouse Co., Scott-Griggs Co., Chandler & Rudd Co., and Atlantic Refining Co. have promised immediate co-operation.

Gifts of \$250 from Tom Fitzsimmons, member of the charter commission, and \$100 from Amos B. McNairy, director of the Cleveland Trust Co., were announced by Chairman F. H. Goff.

"Mr. Fitzsimmons met me on the street," said Mr. Goff. "He had just risen from a sick bed. He told me the effort we are making is one of the finest he had ever known in the city."

Mr. Goff also announced the employees of the Cleveland Trust Co., Euclid-av and E. 9th-st, are preparing to hang a giant "share a day's wages" sign on the bank building.

President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. offered statistics to show need for relief of the work kind. Of forty-four men he hired on "acid test" jobs, thirty-nine had a total of 129 children dependent upon them. Each of the forty-four was classed by Mr. Stanley's investigators as destitute. Practically all were in debt and had been out of work from two to six months.

One man is the father of a crippled child. He had been out of work, until employed by the railway company, practically a year, doing only odd jobs because he had been ill most of the time.

## BOYD IS SOUGHT FOR MAYOR'S RACE

Attorney Will be Visited by  
Committee Named by  
Republican Club.

Norton Formally Enters Candidacy at Meeting Tonight.

Attorney William H. Boyd of the law firm of Westenhalter, Boyd & Brooks, Garfield building, is to be visited by a committee early next week and urged to become a candidate for mayor.

This announcement was made yesterday by R. R. Hawkins, secretary of the Scottish-American Republican club. At a meeting Thursday night the club unanimously indorsed Mr. Boyd for mayor.

Tonight will mark the formal entry into the mayoralty race of Attorney Miner G. Norton. At a demonstration meeting of his supporters at the Forest City house, Mr. Norton will officially announce his candidacy.

Although yesterday was the birthday of former President William McKinley, political organizations took no official cognizance of it. The McKinley day banquet of the Tippecanoe club, scheduled for last night, previously had been postponed until Feb. 6 that speakers on the program might be present.

The Tippecanoe club McKinley banquet will be held at 6 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Hotel Statler. Gov. Frank B. Willis will be the principal speaker. The McKinley oration will be delivered by Attorney John J. Sullivan. Col. Myron T. Herrick, former United States ambassador to France, will speak on "Personal Recollections of William McKinley." Congressman Samuel D. Fess also will be a speaker. The complete list of speakers has not been announced.

The Miner G. Norton Young Men's club was organized at a meeting at 3130 Lorain-av Thursday night. These officers were elected:

President, Howard Schlegel; vice president, Russell Ossman; secretary, Clarence Kiefer; financial secretary, Edward Fashey; treasurer, George Schaufele, jr.; trustees, Arthur Blank, O. Aker, Arthur Ossman, Elmer Millman and Elmer Reinhardt.

At a meeting Thursday night, the Seventh Ward Tom L. Johnson club indorsed Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt for mayor.

Peter Witt was indorsed for mayor by the Twelfth Ward Newton D. Baker Democratic club last night at a meeting in Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av S. E. The club also indorsed Maurice Bernstein to succeed himself as municipal court judge.

It was decided to hold a dance and banquet in February. The date will be selected later.

## CITY TAKES OVER LAKE FRONT LAND

Cleveland, Through Mayor,  
Stockwell and Sidlo, Ob-  
tains Forty Acres.

Action of Officials Forestalls  
Injunction of New  
York Bank.

"By virtue of the mandate of the supreme court of the United States I hereby turn over to the city of Cleveland, by Newton D. Baker, mayor; T. L. Sidlo, director of public service, and John N. Stockwell, director of law, the herein described property."

This document, read yesterday morning amid the roar of locomotives and the crash of shunted cars marked the formal surrender to the city of the forty acres of land on the lake front between W. 9th-st and the mouth of the Cuyahoga river for which the city has been fighting in the courts for twenty-one years.

Mayor Baker, Director Stockwell and Director Sidlo stood shivering in the deep snow alongside the railroad tracks as the writ of possession was read.

The action of the city officials in taking possession of the land yesterday morning forestalled an attempt by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York to prevent the surrender of the land by an injunction in United States court.

After nearly a quarter century of litigation in many courts the United States supreme court Oct. 16 decided the disputed land belongs to the city. The mandate of the court was received by County Clerk Edmund B. Haserodt several days ago.



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## 1,000 ASK FOR BLANKS TO AID JOBLESS FUND

Retail Merchants Indorse the  
Give-a-Day's-Pay; City to  
Put On 650 Men

Cleveland's campaign to raise \$100,000 to put 2,000 men to work in city parks and playgrounds for two months at least swung into action with a real punch Saturday when a request for subscription fund blank aggregating nearly a thousand reached F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment committee. The Cleveland Telephone Company blazed the trail with a demand for 500 blanks; the Cohen-Goodman Company requested 200 and the Ohio Forge Company a similar number.

These requests preceded a meeting Saturday morning of the retail merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce, at which the merchants unanimously indorsed the action and plans of the general committee on unemployment appointed by Allen T. Burns and Goff, and approved by Mayor Baker.

### Indorse Give-a-Day's-Pay

The plan to make next Thursday the day on which employees man contribute a day's earnings to the relief fund was heartily approved by every merchant present, and this approval was conveyed to the citizens' committee of 100 at the noon gathering at the Hollenden. Practically every representative firm in Cleveland was represented.

Service Director Sidlo announced Saturday 650 men will be put to work in city parks not later than a week from Monday, as the first step in utilizing the \$100,000 relief fund. These men will work three 8-hour days a week, at a daily wage of \$2, certainly through February and perhaps until the middle of March.

Sidlo's final list of jobs, made public Saturday: Garfield park, enlarging lake and clearing underbrush, 50 men; Woodland Hills-Garfield boulevard, south of Kinsman, 25 men; Woodland Hills boulevard, north of Woodland, 25 men; Rockefeller boulevard, north of Superior, 15 men; Collinwood, removal of poplar, dead and undesirable trees, 40 men; Nottingham, same, 40 men; Edgewater park, clearing westerly end and grading made land east of bathhouse, 50 men; Union avenue allotment, boulevard work, 50 men, and Brookside park, grading south of railroad, 25 men.

At the noon meeting of the citizens' committee, Chairman Charles E. Adams announced that 1,600 letters would be put in the evening mails addressed to employers. These letters ask the question: "If you were unemployed which would you want, work or charity?"

### Blank for Employee

Below is attached a blank which is to be given the employee. If he feels he is in position to contribute a day's earnings on—lend-a-hand day—next Thursday he will fill out the blank and turn it over to his employer, who in turn will acknowledge the amount of the general committee.

In the report of Charles E. Dolen, president of the Retail Merchants Board, to the citizens' committee at noon of the unanimous indorsement of the movement of his organization he pointed out that in accepting money from employees no coercion or

persuasion of any kind was to be employed.

Saturday the May Company made a report on the 25 men employed at the start of the new week. Nineteen worked full time. All were listed as good workers. Eight have been out of work for six months. Six have five dependent upon them. The nineteen who stuck at their work had a total of 66 dependents.

## IF YOU DON'T BUY CITY LIGHT, YOU PAY ANYWAY

Bitter criticism of Mayor Baker for forcing every Cleveland taxpayer—whether or not a municipal light customer—to pay for operating and extending the municipal light system, and the direct declaration Baker has failed to keep his word with the people of Cleveland, mark the first issue of the Illuminator, a monthly paper to be put out in the interests of illuminating company employees.

These figures, from City Hall records, the Illuminator sets out as being the "dip" Lighting Commissioner Ballard and Baker have made into general funds without the consent of voters:

For interest and sinking fund charges for 1915 on light bonds.....	\$144,000
Interest and sinking fund charges for 1913 and 1914 already paid by taxpayers.....	124,000
Bonds authorized by council for light extensions.....	700,000

The total paid by taxpayers—\$968,000—Clevelanders who aren't customers must help share the cost of giving a few thousand municipal light customers 3-cent light—is \$87,000 short of the value of emergency notes the

city must issue in 1915 to meet its operating deficit.

To prove its contention that Baker has failed to keep his word as regards the operation of the system the Illuminator gives this as a promise made by Baker in a speech at Lorain avenue and West 59th street, October 31, 1911: "If we build a municipal electric light plant we will not pay the interest out of taxes, but out of the revenue from the electric light plant, just as we pay the interest on waterworks bonds out of the returns which come in."

receive much of his country's foreign trade following the war.

## "Union" Meeting is Loaded With Dice

Special to The Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A dozen detectives late yesterday raided a room in the Metropolitan college of dancing and stagecraft on upper Broadway, and corralled 175 men with racing charts, poker chips and dice. Owners of the dancing academy innocently rented the ballroom for the afternoon to what they thought was a printers' union. The detectives learned the gamblers had been renting other places from other innocent people for fake union labor meetings.

## MAY SELL INTERURBAN TO SATISFY CLAIMS

Judge Pearson Saturday gave the Citizens Savings & Trust Co., as trustees for bondholders, judgment for \$53,560 against the Cleveland, Youngstown & Eastern Railroad Co., in the foreclosure proceedings instituted by bondholders.

Pearson ordered sale of that portion of the traction road in Geauga and Portage counties, under R. D. Leatty, special master, within 10 days, unless the judgment is satisfied.

Bondholders charged the road had been allowed to deteriorate. It is from Cleveland to Chagrin Falls and thence to Garrettsville.

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lars asking co-operation are to be put into the hands of every employer and employee.

Server Sidlo Saturday began compilation of a list of all projects in public parks and playgrounds which can be undertaken with the relief fund.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, strongly approved the plan that each donor to the jobs fund send with his contribution a suggestion for public work to be done in particular parks or playgrounds.

"The commission will give earnest consideration to every donor's suggestion," Goff stated. "If a citizen believes certain improve-

ments should be made in the park or playground in his ward or city section, let him send in his suggestion with his donation."

### Sent to Commission.

All donations are to be sent to the unemployment commission, 612 St. Clair-av. Checks are to be made payable to J. J. Sullivan, commission treasurer.

All city employees who will do so are to donate one day's earnings out of salary for the first half of February to the relief fund, under a plan proposed Saturday to Mayor Baker and Finance Director Coughlin by Server Sidlo.

The Cleveland Telephone Co. ordered 500 blanks from the unemployment commission to distribute to employees. These blanks are used by employees to contribute from salary due them to the fund. The Cohn-Goodman Co. ordered 40 blanks and the Ohio Forge Co. 40.

The Superior Slide Co. Saturday sent out 150 moving film slides to moving picture theaters, advertising the campaign for the relief fund.



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## CITY FINANCING PLAN ATTACKED AT TAX MEETING

Cleveland Must Meet Bonds When Due, Instead of Refunding Them by Evasion of Law, M. L. Thomsen Says.

### CITIZENS' COMMITTEE HEARS MANY ARGUMENTS

Single Taxers Out in Force; A. B. du Pont Suggests 3 Per Cent Limit in Cities.

Financing methods of Cleveland and other Ohio cities were attacked by Attorney Mark L. Thomsen at a meeting yesterday of the citizen's commission named by Mayor Baker to make a study of Ohio's taxation laws.

Thomsen advocated a limitation of a city's bonded debt to one per cent of the tax duplicate and said that the life of a bond should not be over five years. He also declared that special assessments for street lighting, street cleaning and street repairs, now paid out of tax funds, would aid city finances.

"We will never get anything from the state legislature until cities confess openly that they have not administered their finances rightly," said Thomsen, who charged that cities continued to pile up debts for future generations to pay.

#### Single Taxers Present.

"We will have to get away from this idea and meet city bonds when they become due, instead of refunding them by an evasion of the law," he said.

Professor A. R. Hatton agreed with Thomsen that a policy of borrowing money without making provision for the payment of interest was unsound. Professor Hatton said that tax and bonded debt limitations ought to be removed considerably.

Single taxers were present in large numbers. E. W. Doty declared that the commission would never get anywhere unless it adopted single tax principles. Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, retorted that a single tax could not be put in effect in Ohio in the next twenty-five years.

#### 3 Per Cent Limit in Cities Urged.

A. B. du Pont suggested that the commission urge the General Assembly to enact a law which would permit cities to levy taxes up to 3 per cent, allowing the Smith 1 per cent limitation to remain in effect in rural districts.

Other speakers were W. O. Mathews, of the Ohio Tax League; Tax Commissioner Fackler, Theodore Bates and Attorney John A. Alburn. The commission will urge the present session of the General Assembly to pass laws to give cities a larger percentage of state taxes.

## CITY'S DUTY TO HELP JOBLESS, GOFF BELIEVES

Unemployment Chairman Points Out Responsibility for Workmen Brought Here When Times Were Prosperous.

### COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK OF COLLECTING \$100,000

Loan Fund Is Now Ready to Assist Men and Women Out of Work.

The responsibility of Cleveland as an industrial center in caring for men who have been invited here, put to work "producing wealth" and then "dumped on the community" was pointed out yesterday by F. H. Goff, chairman of the mayor's unemployment commission.

Mr. Goff pointed out this responsibility in addressing the citizens' committee of one hundred which will raise \$100,000 to give work to the unemployed.

"This is a community responsibility," Mr. Goff said. "We try to get these men here when business is good and then we dump them on the community. We have called them to Cleveland and used them when they could make money for us. Do we now want to lose or destroy their efficiency?"

#### Committee Begins Work.

The committee of one hundred got off to a flying start at a luncheon meeting at the Hollenden Hotel at noon yesterday. Before the close of the meeting the committee was divided into squads, each to look after contributions from various lines of business and organizations.

While the campaign to "lend-a-hand" started Thursday and contributions are being received daily, the final day next Thursday will be the climax and culmination of the work of the week. On that day, set apart by Mayor Baker, all persons who are able are to be asked to contribute one day's income to the fund.

The fund will provide means of giving work to thousands of unemployed men who are facing starvation. They will work on parks and playgrounds and will do permanent work not contemplated in the routine of city park work.

Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, who is chairman of the citizens' committee, opened the meeting yesterday

with an explanation of the objects of the campaign.

Mr. Goff declared that, making a conservative estimate, there are at least 5,000 persons in Cleveland who are utterly destitute, and do not know where to turn for food, clothing or fuel. Neither have they asked alms, he said, but have instead been clamoring for means to earn a living. On this estimate, he said, \$25,000,000 worth of wealth-producing assets are going to waste because they are ill-

fed and poorly housed.

Mr. Goff also announced that the loan fund established through work of the unemployment commission was prepared to relieve the bookkeepers and clerks and others who through unemployment are destitute, but are unable to handle the pick and shovel. These men will be loaned money to tide them over until they can get on their feet.

#### Merchants O. K. Plan.

The plan to raise the \$100,000 fund was unanimously indorsed yesterday at a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Board.

Charles A. Dolan, president, said in taking this action the board recognized the wish of their employees and the public at large, and that it would be made possible for everyone in the establishments of members to share a day's earnings with the unemployed.

Among the stores where subscription blanks will be distributed and which promise a large fund will be raised are the Bailey Company, the Webb C. Ball Watch Company, Browning, King & Co., the Burrows Brothers Company, the Chandler & Rudd Company, the W. B. Davis Company, the Higbee Company, the Kinney & Levan Company, A. C. Kendel's Seed Store, the May Company, Oppenheim, Collins & Co., the W. P. Southworth Company and the William Taylor Son & Co.

Appeals will be made for additions to the fund in all churches today, and at Old Stone Church on the Public Square a special collection has been announced.

## LAKE FRONT LAND SAFE FOR 30 DAYS

Cleveland is certain of the possession of the lake front land between the river and W. 9th street, now occupied by the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads, for at least another month. Federal Judge Killits yesterday reserved his decision in the suit brought by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, of New York, for thirty days. The bank, which holds a \$10,000,000 mortgage on the land, seeks to enjoin the city from ejecting the railroads, claiming it would impair and waste their mortgage security.

Mayor Baker, representing the city in the hearing of the case yesterday, argued the bank had no legal right to bring suit to enjoin the city from possession since it had no claim or made no claim to possession. He announced he would file a demurrer on that ground.

W. B. Sanders, of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, presented the case for the bank.

## NORTON ORDERS COMMITTEEMEN TO INDORSE HIM

Serves Notice on Precinct Workers They Must "Fall in Line" by March 1 or He Will Replace Them.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Miner G. Norton joined the list of early-blooming mayoralty candidates last night, when he told a number of his supporters, gathered at the Forest City House, that he had 4,000 names on his nominating petitions and intended to remain a candidate until the closing of the polls next November.

Notice was served by Norton on all of the Republican precinct committeemen that they either would declare for him by March 1 or he would put outside committeemen in their precincts and would recognize these men before and after election. He further served notice on all intending candidates for council that they either would support him or he would see to it that men ran in the wards who would do so.

A month ago Norton told his allies, at a meeting at the Forest City House, that he would be a candidate if they procured sufficient signers for his petition. He declared they had done so, last night.

#### "No Pink Tea."

"Now I say I am and will be a candidate," Norton declared. "I will continue as a candidate until the polls close. By asking me to be a candidate, you have taken an obligation on your part to work constantly for my election as mayor of Cleveland."

"The Republican precinct committeemen were elected by the people and are entitled to first consideration. It is their right that the first preference should be given to them, but it is the first right of the candidate that they be loyal to him. I've decided to give them until March 1 to declare themselves and if by March 1 they have not declared themselves, then one man will be selected in each precinct."

"As the campaign progresses, every man who runs for office in the wards must be loyal to the man who runs, or other men will run in those wards. This is going to be no pink tea."

Although Norton made no direct reference to Harry L. Davis, who declared his candidacy some time ago, he did assert that the race was going to be between himself and Peter Witt.

#### Attack Davis.

A number of Norton's followers, however, attacked Davis. Horatio Geddes said that the showing made by Davis in 1913 was due to Norton's managerial ability. J. W. Holcomb said Davis had asked him to serve on his committee and that he advised Davis to stay out of the contest and save his money. All of the speakers urged that the anti-administration forces unite on one man.



# INDS CONSCIENCE STRONG FACTOR IN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Chairman of Citizens' Committee Says if Public Only Knew Situation, Help Would Pour In.

Urges Assistance in Giving Publicity to Proposed Sharing of Earnings.

ACID TEST DISCLOSES WILLINGNESS TO WORK

Goff Suggests Immediate Need of Conserving 'Human Assets.'

been brought closer together."

Mr. Goff said he would be glad if the public would express its desire as to how the money can best be expended to make work. The intention of the commission has been to get improvement work done in the city parks that could not otherwise be undertaken for a period of years.

## Will Explain Campaign.

It was announced that the Retail Merchants board at a meeting yesterday morning with its 125 members has indorsed the movement and tomorrow will provide ways and means to familiarize employees of their establishments with the meaning and scope of the campaign.

Under the direction of Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland foundation, and former City Smoke Inspector E. P. Roberts, the committee of 100 was divided into seventeen subcommittees. Mr. Roberts last night completed his work for the city and will assist Mr. Burns in the campaign. Labor leaders will work

on committees that expect to put the plans before the crafts they represent.

The subcommittees are lawyers, manufacturers, iron and steel industries, brewers, insurance agents, building supplies, religious workers, bankers, stock and bond dealers, Chamber of Commerce, retail merchants, lumbermen's, clubs and fraternal organizations, public utilities, real estate dealers, telephone companies, and women auxiliaries.

These committees are to have no chairmen. Mr. Adams wants as little complicated machinery as possible because of the brief time in which the work is to be accomplished.

Eight thousand posters will be issued before Tuesday evening. President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. is to have his seven district superintendents get two posters in every car.

Blanks are to be circulated among wage earners which they may sign and present to paymasters of the concerns in which they work. The blanks will authorize the paymasters to subtract a share of a day's wage from their pay to be sent to the commis-

sion of which Col. J. J. Sullivan of Central National bank is treasurer. Amounts are to be forwarded to 612 St. Clair-ay N. E.

The committee is to meet tomorrow, Tuesday and probably Wednesday noons at The Hollenden.

Today 200 ministers affiliated with the Federated Churches will present the project to churchgoers. Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, bishop of the Catholic diocese, has authorized the reading of the committee's appeal in Catholic churches today. Old Stone church, Public square, today will furnish envelopes for contributions to the fund. One hundred and fifty motion pictures will make the appeals on their screens until Thursday.

Peter Hassenpflue, former secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor and now business agent of the painters' union, was the first labor man to turn over a day's wages to the committee. Mr. Hassenpflue did his sharing at the conclusion of the meeting yesterday.

It was learned yesterday that the police, through their charity organization, has during the past week secured jobs for ninety men. The jobs were obtained for men whose claims to destituteness were investigated by lieutenants of police.

Personnel of the subcommittees as announced yesterday is:

LAWYERS—Juvenile Judge George S. Addams, Ben P. Bole, C. H. Gale and H. H. McKeelhan.

MANUFACTURERS—W. D. B. Alexander, Harry N. Clarke, A. S. Chisholm, W. H. Cottingham, Charles Eisenman, C. A. Grasselli, H. E. Hackenberg, George H. Henson, Ralph P. Kinney, Sam T. Nash, C. Oglebay, Fred W. Ramsey, W. D. Sayle, F. A. Scott, T. C. Talmage, F. W. Stecher, F. D. Lawrence.

IRON AND STEEL—Mathew Andrews, C. C. Bolton, Fayette Brown, H. G. Dalton, H.

A. Fuller, M. A. Hanna, jr., R. L. Ireland, Samuel Mather.

BREWERS—Simon Fishel and George F. Gund.

INSURANCE—W. H. Hunt, Herman Moss and W. G. Wilson.

BUILDING SUPPLIES—John A. Kling.

RELIGIOUS WORKERS—Bishop Farrelly, Rev. E. H. Tippet, Rev. Worth M. Tippy, Rev. Joseph F. Smith, A. A. Nash, DeLo

E. Mook and George T. Protheroe.

BANKS AND BANKERS—A. L. Assmus, John H. Dexter, F. H. Goff, J. A. House, John Krause, C. A. Paine, George S. Russell, J. J. Sullivan and H. W. S. Wood.

STOCKS AND BONDS—E. M. Baker, Fred S. Borton, W. S. Hayden and E. G. Tillotson.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and Chamber of Industry—Morris Black, T. C. Welsted and A. E. Hyre.

RETAIL MERCHANTS—N. L. Dauby, Charles A. Dolan, Samuel Halle, George W. Kinney and Victor Sincere.

LUMBER DEALERS—A. W. Ellenberger, A. C. Klumph, W. H. Prescott and E. S. Teare.

CLUBS AND FRATERNAL organizations—George A. Schneider, William G. Rose, H. H. Schleman and Joseph Helzman.

PUBLIC UTILITIES—Samuel Scovill and John J. Stanley.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS—Stanley McMichael, A. B. Smythe and A. S. Taylor.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, Mrs. M. A. Fanning, Miss Myrta Jones, Mrs. Malcolm McBride, Mrs. Henry L. Sanford, Miss Belle Sherwin and Mrs. Ralph Fuller.

TELEPHONES—Charles Y. McVey.

These labor leaders will work with the several committees: T. S. Farrell, J. W. Hart, F. Baumgartner, Thomas Brennan, George Davies, T. J. Dolan, George Hahn, Peter Hassenpflue, Ed D. Lang, A. E. King, George King, Ed McEachern, Charles Smith, D. Solomon, William F. Steffan and A. L. Traubman.

A conscience job.

That is the way Chairman Charles E. Adams of the citizens' committee of 100 yesterday described the committee's task of convincing the community of the need for sharing a day's wages or income to establish a \$100,000 fund to create jobs for the unemployed.

"If everyone can be made to know the need of giving work to the destitute as we of the unemployment commission know it now—we were not convinced until we made our own investigations—there will be no trouble in raising the fund," Mr. Adams said. "I do not want you to beg, but I do want you to help put the problem before the public by telephoning, getting personal interviews and by distributing literature in every establishment in the city. No man will be judged by the amount of his sharing. If you know a man cannot afford to share, tell him so."

## Cites Cases of Destitution.

Mr. Adams related cases of destitution, caused by unemployment, that had been uncovered by his own investigations and those of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. and the Cleveland Railway Co., to the committee which met at The Hollenden.

After an address by Chairman F. H. Goff of the unemployment commission and the reading of a letter from the Retail Merchants board of the Chamber of Commerce, the work of dividing the committee into groups was begun.

Mr. Goff in his talk to the committee spoke of the conservation of "living human assets" that could be effected "by throwing out the life line in the form of made jobs" rather than by allowing men to put themselves on the pauper lists.

"The question has been raised as to what benefit the unemployed who cannot do skilled labor will get from this fund," said Mr. Goff. "The loan fund will take care of that sort of cases. I wish I were permitted to give names of the men who are financing that fund. The names would be a surprise."

"One of the best results that will come from this is that employers and labor and labor leaders will have



*Monday Leader*

## MANUFACTURERS IN JOBLESS FUND CAMPAIGN MEET

Manufacturers who will aid the campaign to raise \$100,000 to relieve the unemployment situation will meet this morning at the Hollenden hotel to complete their plans. At noon the mayor's unemployment commission, which originated the plan to raise the fund, will hold a luncheon meeting to check up details of the work of the citizens' committee of one hundred, actively in charge of raising the fund.

In the absence of F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission, Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, is expected to preside. Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, is chairman of the citizens' committee.

### Women to Send Letters.

A subcommittee of the women in the citizens' committee met yesterday and elected Mrs. Charles S. Brooks chairman. This subcommittee will send six hundred or seven hundred letters to persons who have incomes from sources not touched by other plans of the campaign, urging them to contribute. The letters are to be followed up by telephone calls by a squad of women.

Distribution of literature urging support of the campaign will be aided by Cleveland suffragists who have automobiles. They have offered the use of their automobiles to the citizens' committee every day during the campaign.

The campaign actually started last Thursday, but every detail is being arranged to make next Thursday, February 4, the climax of the campaign. On that day every person who is able will be asked to share a day's earnings with the unemployed or contribute one day's income toward the fund.

### To Work in Parks.

The fund is to be applied to providing work in city parks and playgrounds for unemployed men who are destitute. Thousands of such men have registered at the State-City Free Labor Exchange. Their cases are being investigated by volunteer workers and as rapidly as possible a preferred list of the most needy is being compiled. The men with two or more persons dependent on them will be given work first.

Every cent of the money will go to these needy men. There will be no overhead expense in collecting the fund.

The city is providing able foremen to supervise the work and is furnishing the men with tools.

Requests were made yesterday for hundreds of blanks to be filled in by contributors to the fund. The following firms which, with their employees, will contribute, asked for blanks yesterday:

Ohio State Telephone Company, 500; Wuest, Bauman, Hunt Company, 150; the Lindner Company, 200; the Oppenheim-Collins Company, 200; Cohn-Goodman Company, 220; Ohio Forge Company 40; Crescent Brass Company, 40; Cleveland Telephone Company, 500.

## DITTRICK SEEKS LIST OF CAR LINE IMPROVEMENTS

**Councilman to Introduce Resolution Monday Night Calling on Witt to Make Report of Betterments.**

A detailed report on extensions and betterments made by the Cleveland Railway Company at the request of the city will be asked of Street Railway Commissioner Witt by Councilman Dittrick at tonight's meeting of council.

Under an amendment to the Talyer grant in 1911 the company agreed to spend \$2,500,000 in betterments proposed by the council. This fund will soon be exhausted and the city will be without authority to initiate improvements, according to Dittrick. He will ask Witt for a report on the condition of the fund and will recommend that betterments planned for this year be proposed by the company.

Other street railway legislation will occupy the attention of the council. There will be a fight over the proposal to authorize the railway company to purchase the North Randall car line at a price of \$146,000. Councilmen predicted yesterday that the measure would be defeated.

### Proposes Motor Busses.

Operation of motor busses on E. 30th st. to determine whether a cross-town line is needed will be proposed in a resolution by Councilman Stolte. The council has already given the company a franchise for this line.

An ordinance authorizing the company to construct a double line of tracks in Euclid ave., from E. 22d st. to E. 40th st., is up for passage. Street cars have long been kept from this section, known as "Millionaires' Row."

Amendment to the ordinance regulating employment agencies to increase license fees to \$150 will be submitted. The committees on licenses and legislation voted to reduce the fee to \$75.

Transfer of \$2,000 for a fly extermination crusade from the sanitation fund to the department of public service is provided in an ordinance

by Councilman Damm. The transfer will be made so that Dr. Jean Dawson, Normal school instructor, may conduct the campaign independently of the division of health.

The special committee investigating gas explosions is expected to file a report recommending legislation for a closer inspection of gas mains.

## COMMITTEE READY WITH JOB PROJECT

**Citizens' Body of 100 Puts \$100,000 Fund Campaign Up to Community.**

**Posters Go Into Street Cars, While 50,000 Letters Make Plea.**

By tomorrow night Chairman Charles E. Adams and his citizens' committee of 100 expect to have the plea "share a day's earnings to make jobs for the unemployed" before the entire community.

Work of actually carrying out plans for the \$100,000 fund campaign will be begun this morning.

"Since our task is only to make an appeal and not to beg," Mr. Adams said yesterday afternoon, "we fully expect to have at least the bulk of the work finished by Tuesday night."

Three thousand posters, telling the need for a fund, went into street cars yesterday. A similar number will be placed in the cars today. There are 2,000 posters for factories and 1,000 for the retail stores.

Fifty thousand letters and "share a day's earnings" blanks have been printed for employees. These explain Thursday is the day set aside for sharing and say:

"If you had no job, you'd want work, not charity."

"Add your gift, no matter how small, to your employer's and send it through his office. Fill the blank below with the share of the day's earnings you want to give, sign your name and hand in the form at once."

These concerns already have placed orders for these blanks: Cleveland Telephone Co., 500; Ohio State Telephone Co., 500; Lindner Co., 200; Oppenheim-Collins & Co., 200; Cohn-Goodman Co., 200; Ohio Ford Co., 40; Wuest-Bauman-Hunt, 150, and Crescent Brand Co., forty.

Practically every employer and merchant in the city will be reached. Secretaries of crosstown corners business men's associations have been asked to attend the meeting of the committee this noon at The Hollenden.

Arrangements will probably be made today to give city and county employees, from the city hall and court house officials down, a chance to enter into the sharing.

The women's auxiliary, one of the subcommittees, with Mrs. Charles S. Brooks as chairman, will get between 6,000 and 7,000 letters to residents who are not reached by either the letters to employers or employees.

This subcommittee will also organize a squad of young women to follow up the letters Thursday with telephone reminders. These girls, however, will be instructed only to remind recipients of the letters that the let-

ters were sent. Begging has been discouraged from the outset.

The Woman Suffrage Party of Greater Cleveland will organize an automobile squad to assist in the work.

Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland Foundation, and secretary of the unemployment commission and of the citizens' committee, yesterday furnished figures illustrative of the need for a job-making fund.

While the commission, with the aid of employers, were conducting "acid tests" because "they wanted to be shown" whether men wanted jobs and were destitute, St. Clair hospital, the May Co., Oppenheim & Collins and the American Multigraph Co. made tests.

These institutions hired twenty-nine men through the state-city free employment bureau for a period of five days. Twenty-five of that number were classified as good workers; the other four, "fair."

Ninety-one women and children were dependent upon these twenty-nine men who had been out of work from two to five months.

## 'CITY PAYS STATE TOO MUCH TAXES

**'Contribution 40 Per Cent Over Rightful Share,' Says Commission.**

**Municipality Gives \$4,250,000 With Ohio's Revenue.**



EMIAN GRAND LODGE CELE

praised the work of Mrs. Caroline Rychlik during her presidency.

Mrs. Rychlik, organizer of the first branch of the society and chief speaker, mentioned the organization has 142 branches in the United States with a membership of 21,298. In Cleveland, she said, there are twenty-two branches with over 3,800 members.

Haydn's "Kaiser March" with the usual finish, which has come to be expected of Messrs. Marcoss, Rychlik, Johnston and Heydler.

Simone Paskal, young Roumanian tenor, and another find of Adolph Liesegang, proved a surprise to the audience. He possesses a very strong dramatic voice and sings his high notes with an ease that would do credit to a more thoroughly tutored singer. For the year the state \$89,000 excise tax, \$18,000 property tax, and \$3,500 for the support of the state utilities commission, a total of \$110,000, while toward the operating expenses of the city the company paid \$71,000.

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## MANUFACTURERS IN JOBLESS FUND CAMPAIGN MEET

Manufacturers who will aid the campaign to raise \$100,000 to relieve the unemployment situation will meet this morning at the Hollenden hotel to complete their plans. At noon the mayor's unemployment commission, which originated the plan to raise the fund, will hold a luncheon meeting to check up details of the work of the citizens' committee of one hundred, actively in charge of raising the fund.

In the absence of F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission, Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, is expected to preside. Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, is chairman of the citizens' committee.

### Women to Send Letters.

A subcommittee of the women in the citizens' committee met yesterday and elected Mrs. Charles S. Brooks chairman. This subcommittee will send six hundred or seven hundred letters to persons who have incomes from sources not touched by other plans of the campaign, urging them to contribute. The letters are to be followed up by telephone calls by a squad of women.

Distribution of literature urging support of the campaign will be aided by Cleveland suffragists who have automobiles. They have offered the use of their automobiles to the citizens' committee every day during the campaign.

The campaign actually started last Thursday, but every detail is being arranged to make next Thursday, February 4, the climax of the campaign. On that day every person who is able will be asked to share a day's earnings with the unemployed or contribute one day's income toward the fund.

### To Work in Parks.

The fund is to be applied to providing work in city parks and playgrounds for unemployed men who are destitute. Thousands of such men have registered at the State-City Free Labor Exchange. Their cases are being investigated by volunteer workers and as rapidly as possible a preferred list of the most needy is being compiled. The men with two or more persons dependent on them will be given work first.

Every cent of the money will go to these needy men. There will be no overhead expense in collecting the fund.

The city is providing able foremen to supervise the work and is furnishing the men with tools.

Requests were made yesterday for hundreds of blanks to be filled in by contributors to the fund. The following firms which, with their employees, will contribute, asked for blanks yesterday:

Ohio State Telephone Company, 500; Wuest, Bauman, Hunt Company, 150; the Lindner Company, 200; the Oppenheim-Collins Company, 200; Cohn-Goodman Company, 220; Ohio Forge Company 40; Crescent Brass Company, 40; Cleveland Telephone Company, 500.

## DITTRICK SEEKS LIST OF CAR LINE IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman to Introduce Resolution Monday Night Calling on Witt to Make Report of Betterments.

A detailed report on extensions and betterments made by the Cleveland Railway Company at the request of the city will be asked of Street Railway Commissioner Witt by Councilman Dittrick at tonight's meeting of council.

Under an amendment to the Taylor grant in 1911 the company agreed to spend \$2,500,000 in betterments proposed by the council. This fund will soon be exhausted and the city will be without authority to initiate improvements, according to Dittrick. He will ask Witt for a report on the condition of the fund and will recommend that betterments planned for this year be proposed by the company.

Other street railway legislation will occupy the attention of the council. There will be a fight over the proposal to authorize the railway company to purchase the North Randall car line at a price of \$146,000. Councilmen predicted yesterday that the measure would be defeated.

### Proposes Motor Busses.

Operation of motor busses on E. 30th st. to determine whether a cross-town line is needed will be proposed in a resolution by Councilman Stolte. The council has already given the company a franchise for this line.

An ordinance authorizing the company to construct a double line of tracks in Euclid ave., from E. 22d st. to E. 40th st., is up for passage. Street cars have long been kept from this section, known as "Millionaires' Row."

Amendment to the ordinance regulating employment agencies to increase license fees to \$150 will be submitted. The committees on licenses and legislation voted to reduce the fee to \$75.

Transfer of \$2,000 for a fly extermination crusade from the sanitation fund to the department of public service is provided in an ordinance

by Councilman Damm. The transfer will be made so that Dr. Jean Dawson, Normal school instructor, may conduct the campaign independently of the division of health.

The special committee investigating gas explosions is expected to file a report recommending legislation for a closer inspection of gas mains.

## COMMITTEE READY WITH JOB PROJECT

Citizens' Body of 100 Puts \$100,000 Fund Campaign Up to Community.

Posters Go Into Street Cars, While 50,000 Letters Make Plea.

By tomorrow night Chairman Charles E. Adams and his citizens' committee of 100 expect to have the plea "share a day's earnings to make jobs for the unemployed" before the entire community.

Work of actually carrying out plans for the \$100,000 fund campaign will be begun this morning.

"Since our task is only to make an appeal and not to beg," Mr. Adams said yesterday afternoon, "we fully expect to have at least the bulk of the work finished by Tuesday night."

Three thousand posters, telling the need for a fund, went into street cars yesterday. A similar number will be placed in the cars today. There are 2,000 posters for factories and 1,000 for the retail stores.

Fifty thousand letters and "share a day's earnings" blanks have been printed for employees. These explain Thursday is the day set aside for sharing and say:

"If you had no job, you'd want work, not charity."

"Add your gift, no matter how small, to your employer's and send it through his office. Fill the blank below with the share of the day's earnings you want to give, sign your name and hand in the form at once."

These concerns already have placed orders for these blanks: Cleveland Telephone Co., 500; Ohio State Telephone Co., 500; Lindner Co., 200; Oppenheim-Collins & Co., 200; Cohn-Goodman Co., 200; Ohio Ford Co., forty; Wuest-Bauman-Hunt, 150, and Crescent Brand Co., forty.

Practically every employer and merchant in the city will be reached. Secretaries of crosstown corners business men's associations have been asked to attend the meeting of the committee this noon at The Hollenden.

Arrangements will probably be made today to give city and county employees, from the city hall and court house officials down, a chance to enter into the sharing.

The women's auxiliary, one of the subcommittees, with Mrs. Charles S. Brooks as chairman, will get between 6,000 and 7,000 letters to residents who are not reached by either the letters to employers or employees.

This subcommittee will also organize a squad of young women to follow up the letters Thursday with telephone reminders. These girls, however, will be instructed only to remind recipients of the letters that the let-

ters were sent. Begging has been discouraged from the outset.

The Woman Suffrage Party of Greater Cleveland will organize an automobile squad to assist in the work.

Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland Foundation, and secretary of the unemployment commission and of the citizens' committee, yesterday furnished figures illustrative of the need for a job-making fund.

While the commission, with the aid of employers, were conducting "acid tests" because "they wanted to be shown" whether men wanted jobs and were destitute, St. Clair hospital, the May Co., Oppenheim & Collins and the American Multigraph Co. made tests.

These institutions hired twenty-nine men through the state-city free employment bureau for a period of five days. Twenty-five of that number were classified as good workers; the other four, "fair."

Ninety-one women and children were dependent upon these twenty-nine men who had been out of work from two to five months.

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Municipality Gives \$4,250,000, With Ohio's Revenue \$20,500,000.

That the city of Cleveland in 1914 paid to the state 40 per cent. more than its rightful share of the total revenue of Ohio, figuring a just contribution would be a part of the total in proportion to Cleveland's population and tax duplicate, will be reported to council tonight.

The report will be made by the special tax commission, appointed by Mayor Newton D. Baker to consider steps toward a readjustment of taxation which would permit cities to retain a greater portion of the revenue raised within their limits.

The report will set forth that the total revenue of the state last year was \$20,500,000. Of that amount Cleveland paid approximately \$4,250,000. The total expended by the city for its own operating expenses was about \$3,850,000, considerably less than the amount paid to the state. Further, the report will declare that if the city paid a part proportionate to its size, its contribution to the state last year would have been \$3,000,000 instead of \$4,250,000, or 40 per cent. less.

The report will point out that public utility corporations in Cleveland pay much larger amounts annually to the state than to the city. According to the report, the Cleveland Railway Co. last year paid the state \$89,000 excise tax, \$18,000 property tax, and \$3,500 for the support of the state utilities commission, a total of \$110,000, while toward the operating expenses of the city the company paid \$71,000.

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of its revenue from the city, but spends it all outside.

Councilman William Stolte will introduce tonight a resolution to have the three motor busses, owned by the Cleveland Railway Co., which operate at the end of Pearl-rd S. W. and Noble-rd, East Cleveland, be started running on E. 30th-st. Mr. Stolte thinks residents of the E. 30th-st. territory should not be made to wait longer for cross town facilities. His motor bus plan is not favored by President John J. Stanley of the railway company.

"It would take fifteen or twenty busses to furnish cross town service on E. 30th-st.," Mr. Stanley said yesterday. "There it would be a 3-cent proposition, while it is a 5-cent project where the busses operate now. It would mean the expenditure of more money than any move of which I can think."

The ordinance to sell the property on Union-av S. E., near E. 116th-st., purchased originally as part of a model allotment plan, probably will be passed tonight, although Councilman E. A. Meyers says he will fight it.

The committee on finance is to meet this afternoon, to decide whether all of an amount of \$15,000 set aside for a city audit shall be used for that purpose.

Councilman Alex Bernstein will have a resolution, providing that the legislative committee of council ask railroads contemplating new freight terminals whether they could construct markets in connection with the terminals.



# WHOLE CITY RESPONDS TO AID JOBLESS

Merchants and Manufacturers Take Blanks by the Thousands for Employees to Share Day's Earnings.

**\$1,890,000 TO BE SPENT  
BY CITY ON PUBLIC WORK**

This Will Be Started in March, Month Earlier Than Usual, to Help Relieve the Situation.

The keen interest the Cleveland workingman is taking in the sweeping campaign to raise \$100,000 by next Thursday to create jobs for 2,000 unemployed in city parks and play grounds was indicated Monday by the flood of requests from merchants and manufacturers for contribution blanks.

Allen T. Burns, acting as chairman of the general citizens' unemployment committee in the absence of F. H. Goff, Monday directed the distribution of more than 20,000 "share a day's earnings" blanks, which are to be used by employees Thursday in an effort to swell the fund. This is the day set aside by Mayor Baker for the employee who is financially able to contribute to the aid of his less fortunate brother.

## Thousands Ask for Blanks.

The Retail Merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce started the ball rolling Monday with a demand for 9,350 blanks, which were distributed among the big downtown stores before noon. Two automobiles and a force of six men completed the work. The board expects to be requested to double this amount by Tuesday, the day on which the committee expects to have received replies from all the 1,600 letters which were put in circulation last week.

A number of other large requests for blanks were received from firms by Burns Monday, including Halle Brothers, 2,500; National Acme Manufacturing Company, 1,200; Standard Oil Company, 1,000; Lake Erie Iron Company, 700; East Ohio Gas Company, 600; White Sewing Machine Company, 500, and the Globe Machine and Standard Company, 300. Also practically every bank in the city made application for a sufficient number of blanks to supply the employees' demands.

## City to Spend \$1,890,000.

One hundred and twenty paving and forty sewer jobs, entailing a total expenditure of \$1,890,000, will be got under way by the middle of March—a month to six weeks earlier than usual—as a portion of the city's efforts to relieve the unemployed situation, Service Director Sidlo announced Monday.

Twelve hundred men will be put to work on the streets, Sidlo said, without taking into consideration teams-

ters and laborers required to haul and make material. The city's cost of the paving is \$350,000, property owners, \$1,000,000; of the sewer jobs, the city's share is \$350,000, property owners, \$165,000.

Bonds to cover the city's portion have been authorized, but not sold. Legislation to care for the share of property owners is in council, but the money will not be available until May 1. Sidlo said Monday arrangements will be made with contractors to go ahead with their work before the latter funds are in the city treasury.

Many repaving jobs are listed in the 120; the cost in this case is to be borne fifty equally by the city and property owners. Most important of streets to be repaved are Scovill ave., E. 14th to 26th st.; Lorain, W. 59th to 73d st.; Ontario, Public Square to Eagle ave.; E. 24th st., north of Euclid; St. Clair ave., from E. 9th to

23d st., and Crawford rd. from Hough ave. to E. 82d st.

## Du Pont Has Scheme.

A. B. du Pont wrote the committee, suggesting that it invite each Cleveland landowner to contribute to the jobless fund a sum equal to the rental value for one day of their land.

"The present value of all the land within the city limits of Cleveland is estimated by Tax Commissioner Fackler at \$6,000,000,000, which, rented at 6 per cent of its value, will produce each day (not counting Sundays and holidays, days when most workers receive no pay,) \$120,000," du Pont pointed out.

The manufacturers' committee of the citizens' committee met at 11:30 a. m. in the Hollenden and appointed individuals to call upon such members of their fraternity who have not yet responded to the committee's call.

The citizens' committee held its meeting at noon and took similar action, besides reporting progress in the matter of distributing campaign literature.

A sub-committee of women, through Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, chairman, reported Monday it had completed its labors of distributing 7,000 circulars among persons who have incomes not touched by other plans of the campaign. This distribution was facilitated by Cleveland suffragets who provided automobiles.

# HASERODT WILL PRESIDE WHEN WITT'S INDORSED

Indications Monday were that it will be the unpleasant duty of County Clerk Haserodt, one time mayoralty aspirant, to preside at the meeting Thursday night at Acme hall, E. 9th st., when the Democratic organization gives its indorsement to the candidacy of Peter Witt for mayor. It is thought unlikely that Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, organization chairman, will be able to come to Cleveland for the meeting.

Democrats were wondering how Haserodt will accept the job of eulogizing Witt, who cut short the Haserodt aspirations.

Notices of the meeting at Acme hall were issued and signed by Bulkley, who was called back to Washington Sunday night after a flying trip here to attend a banquet Saturday night. He may not return until next month.

Haserodt is vice chairman of the executive committee, and in Bulkley's absence must preside. While he will support Witt, it is only because the organization indorsed him. Personally the two are not close friends.

Haserodt has denied that he decided to drop his mayoralty aspirations because of a promise to make him traction commissioner.

# BAKER ADVISES BUYING C. E. I.

Mayor Baker Monday wrote council that he believes the solution of cheaper light for the small consumer must come through the purchase of the Illuminating company's property by the city.

He says the purchase would guarantee three-cent light to every small consumer.

"I do not favor this move, however, until the state public utilities commission completes its valuation of the Illuminating company's property," he said.

Baker's letter is to be read in council Monday night in reply to the request of council for advice on what move to make toward getting the Illuminating company to reduce its rate of 10 cents per kilowatt hour.

On March, 16, 1914, council passed an ordinance ordering the Illuminating company to reduce its household rate to 3 cents. The company appealed to the utilities commission April 23, 1914. Since then there have been seven continuances of the hearing.



# GREAT SUPPORT FOR LABOR FUND IS NOW ASSURED

**Tremendous Interest in Plan  
Seen in Demand for  
Donation Blanks.**

**40,000 ALREADY ISSUED**

**Many Contributions Received by  
Letter; Final Details of  
Campaign Complete.**

Eight automobiles and scores of volunteer workers were kept busy yesterday delivering contribution blanks for the "share-a-day's-earnings" campaign by which it is hoped to raise a fund of \$100,000 to relieve the unemployment situation. More than 40,000 of the blanks were delivered yesterday to 134 factories, stores, offices and clubs.

The campaign will culminate Thursday when every person able will be asked to contribute a day's earnings or whatever part of his income he is able to spare to the fund. The money so raised is to be expended in putting destitute unemployed men who have families dependent on them to work improving parks and playgrounds.

Several hundred men are already at work on money raised by the mayor's unemployment commission which originated the plan to raise the fund.

The active work of raising the money is in charge of a citizens' committee of 100, of which Charles E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Company, is chairman.

## Details Completed.

This committee held a joint meeting yesterday at the Hollenden hotel with the unemployment commission and completed details of the campaign. Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, presided in the absence of F. H. Goff, chairman, who is in New York.

The fact that the fund is to be applied not in charity but in giving needy persons a chance to help themselves is being favorably received, according to Secretary Burns. Scores of letters are coming to the commission enclosing donations and praising the object of the campaign.

According to Mr. Burns, the calls yesterday for 40,000 contribution blanks indicates that more than the 100,000 blanks contracted for will be used and shows that the campaign is to have tremendous support.

Another session of the citizens' committee will be held at noon today at the Hollenden hotel. Reports from subcommittees will be received.

## Patrolmen to Aid.

In preparation for the final day of the campaign, Thursday, Mayor Baker has consented to have patrolmen in every precinct distribute contribution blanks in small stores and other places not reached by the committee.

J. J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, has agreed to have a bundle of the contribution blanks hung in every street car on the last day of the campaign, to give every car rider a chance to add to the fund. Mr. Stanley has also had four posters advertising the campaign placed in every street car and has prepared special blanks for the use of street railway employees.

Persons are sure to contribute

may leave money at any bank in Cleveland.

Letters urging each of the 2,500 members of the Chamber of Commerce to aid in raising the fund were sent out last night by Morris A. Black, president of the chamber.

## Praises Object of Campaign.

In an address at the meeting yesterday Mr. Black praised the definiteness of the object of the campaign and cited the responsibility which he said rests on the citizens and the community.

It was announced yesterday that Chamber of Commerce employees have voluntarily contributed \$160.04 to the fund.

Colonel Sullivan also addressed the meeting, declaring that the present appeal is one which should get close to every man and woman in Cleveland.

"We are not going to fail in this," he said. "It would be a terrible reflection on this city if human beings were required to go even one day without food for lack of help."

A letter enclosing a check for \$200 was received yesterday by Chairman Adams from Walter H. Cottingham, president of the Sherwin-Williams Company. The letter was as follows:

"Many seem to have the idea that the 'share-a-day's earnings' campaign applies only to employees.

"I think you should emphasize very strongly the fact that it is expected every employer, whether corporate or individual, and every director or manager shall liberally support this very deserving and urgent work. You can depend upon our company and management to contribute, and I would ask you to accept the enclosed check for \$200 as a personal contribution."

Another letter received by Mr. Adams yesterday was from Rev. Joseph F. Smith, pastor of St. Philomena's church, 13412 Euclid avenue. It enclosed \$50.

In part the letter read: "Needless to assure you that I am with you heart and soul. This

is an opportunity to prove in a substantial way that we love to be our brother's keeper. We have an organization in our parish caring for local cases."

Another letter was received from the proprietor of a small confectionery store in the factory section of St. Clair ave. It declared that since the heads of big establishments were contributing, the writer believed it his duty to contribute his day's receipts.

Among the companies and organizations which asked for contribution blanks yesterday were: The May Company, The Lindner Company, Moose Club, Elks' Club, the Eagles, The Morehouse Company, National Screw & Tack Company, Retail Merchants' board, Perfection Spring Company, Printers' committee, Standard Oil Company, Standard Sewing Machine Company, Sterling & Welch Company, William Taylor Son & Company, Upson Nut Company, Bailey Company, the Chandler & Rudd Company, Belle Vernon-Mapes Dairy Company, and the Bishop-Babcock Company.

In all 134 organizations asked for contribution blanks yesterday. The supply was exhausted early in the day and two printing firms worked all last night printing more blanks and posters.

Blanks have also been distributed in all city departments so employees may contribute to the fund, the amount to be taken out of the payroll from February 1 to February 15.

A report issued yesterday by Superintendent Jackson, of the Associated Charities, shows an increase of 65 per cent in the number of cases handled in January as compared with January, 1914.

# WITT DEFEATED BY COUNCIL ON RANDALL PLAN

**Opponents of Car Line Purchase  
Declare That Such Step Would  
Endanger Three-Cent  
Fares.**

**MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA  
INQUIRY IS BLOCKED**

**Bond Issues of \$330,000 Are  
Voted—Poolroom Bill Faces  
Breakers.**

Democratic councilmen last night disregarded recommendations of Street Railway Commissioner Witt and voted against allowing the Cleveland Railway Company to purchase the North Randall car line for \$148,000. Opponents of the measure declared it would endanger three-cent fare.

Witt, advocating the acquisition of the line, said that it earned a large profit last year and could never be bought cheaper than the price agreed upon. He hotly denied Councilman Stolte's assertion that the company would have to spend \$100,000 in repairing the line. Councilman McGinty said that it would be unwise to add the purchase price to the capital account of the railway company at a time when low fare hung in the balance.

Members Bernstein, Dittick, Fitzgerald, Townes and Woods, Republicans, and Horrigan, Koch, Marquard, Meyers, Stanton, Thompson and Votava, Democrats, voted to sustain the recommendations of the street railway commissioner. It was the second time since appointed commissioner that Witt failed to have the solid backing of the Democratic majority.

## Party Lines Are Drawn.

Party lines were drawn tighter on a number of other measures presented to the council. Majority members blocked an investigation of the municipal orchestra when they voted to refer Councilman Townes resolution to the committee on parks.

Townes asked the cost of the orchestra, total attendance at Sunday concerts and whether patrons as a rule were able to pay for this class of entertainment. The director of public welfare was requested to furnish information.

An adverse report by the street railway committee on Councilman Gahn's proposal to require the Cleveland Railway Company to furnish derailler operators at grade crossings, provoked debate. A week ago Gahn had charged that the council was playing politics, in referring the measure. Councilman Reynolds last night branded Gahn's remarks as "unwholesome, discourteous and ungentlemanly." He admitted that the remark in question might have influenced the committee in reporting adversely upon the proposal. Gahn said the committee's action proved his statements.

Bond issues amounting to \$330,000 were voted without a dissenting vote. Two hundred thousand dollars of this amount is to repay the waterworks for building a high pressure pumping station, \$100,000 for parks and \$30,000 for improvements at the Newburg Heights garbage plant.

Rate of fourteen to eleven

council decided to restore original license fees of \$50 and \$150 in the ordinance regulating private employment agencies. They had been cut in two in committee. The measure was placed on its second reading.

Mayor Baker sent a report to the council in which he said it would be unwise to attempt to take steps to purchase the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company until after the state public utilities commission had completed its appraisal of the property of the company.

He said the delay of the utilities commission in completing the work emphasized the need of municipal regulation. He further declared the income of the municipal lighting plant at E. 53d st. would shortly be adequate to pay operating expenses, maintain modern and efficient service, meet interest and depreciation charges and set by a surplus for betterments.

The special committee investigating the wrecking of an apartment house at 11616 Madison avenue two months ago reported that the explosion was probably caused by gas. It recommended that the city supplement inspection by the gas company with an inspection by the city.

Eleven persons were killed in the explosion, but the committee said that it had made no effort to fix legal liability, this being a matter for the courts.

## Poolroom Bill Faces Breakers.

Councilman Stolte's ordinance closing poolrooms at midnight, introduced last night, is expected to strike rough sledding. Councilman McGinty said that he would oppose it, as police had full regulatory powers. The measure was referred to the judiciary committee.

The Cleveland Railway Company was asked to operate motor busses on E. 30th street to determine whether a cross-town car line is needed, in a resolution by Councilman Stolte. The company now has a franchise for the street.

Resolutions requesting the General Assembly to pass an Eastern time law were adopted.

Councilman Bernstein asked that the establishment of municipal markets, with freight facilities, be considered by a committee investigating meat prices.



# WILLIS WAITING FOR FACKLER TO RESIGN HIS POST

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Word reached Cleveland from the state yesterday that the re- Governor Willis has not accepted the resignation tendered to him by Commissioner John D. Fackler that Fackler never has resigned Willis as Governor.

Fackler's letter was sent to the then Congressman Frank B. Willis early in December, with much eclat. The Governor, it is reported, believes that Fackler might as well have resigned any private citizen, as far as the resignation's effect was concerned.

It is said that Willis is ready to accept the resignation if it is tendered to him as governor. Whether or not this has been told to Fackler is not known, and what this course in the matter will be if it is told to him for the governor is entirely problematical. Those friends of Fackler said yesterday that they believed he considered his first letter a formal resignation from office.

Peter Witt, on his return yesterday from a trip to Washington, learned at the meeting of the Democratic precinct committeemen, which was to have been held Thursday night for the purpose of having him introduced to them as their candidate for mayor, that the meeting has been postponed. The meeting will probably be held February 9.

The postponement was decided upon by Democratic politicians when it was learned that Congressman Robert J. Buckley, chairman of the committee, will have to be in Washington Thursday. It is on that day that the House of Representatives is expected to vote on the attempt to pass the immigration bill over President Wilson's veto.

When Witt finally does meet the Democratic precinct captains, he indicated yesterday, he will disclose his policy as regards the organization and of his campaign. He refused yesterday, when questioned, to tell what he intends to do with regard to a slate of council candidates.

The Democratic organization has always backed a council slate and last year Witt protested to Mayor Baker, it is understood, against a continuance of that policy.

Whether Witt will seek to prevent the established slate precedent of the organization from being carried out this year or whether he will change his position now that he is a candi-

date are questions much debated by the Democrats just now.

James B. Ruhl, who will take office soon as state superintendent of insurance, returned yesterday from a conference with Governor Willis at Columbus. Ruhl said he discussed only policies with the governor and thanked him for the recognition involved in the appointment. So far, he said, he was given no consideration whatever to appointments in his office. Approximately a bushel basketful of applications for the subordinate places in the offices are on file at Columbus.

Democratic dignitaries will proceed to Columbus today to attend a meeting of the party state central and executive committees.

The purpose of the meeting, as explained privately, is to devise ways and means for throwing as many monkey wrenches as possible into the Republican state administration. A minority legislative program on the general line of obtaining as much campaign material as possible is expected to be drafted.

Four Cleveland men will attend. They are Mayor Baker, J. Martin Thum and David J. Zinner, members of the state central committee from the three Cleveland congressional districts, and Burr Gongwer, member of the state executive committee.

## COMMITTEE FINDS GAS CAUSED BLAST

Council Investigators Report on Origin of West Side Explosion.

East Ohio Company's President Expresses Contrary View.

Gas evidently caused the explosion which killed nine persons outright, caused two more deaths later, and wrecked a building at 11616 Madison-av N. W. on the night of Dec. 14, members of a special investigating committee reported to the city council at last night's meeting.

The council committee, however, declined to take a definite stand and stated that it is not at all sure how gas got into the building.

Drawing a lesson from the explosion, the committee recommended that the city should supplement the inspection by the gas company. Under a city ordinance the gas company is required to make inspections and the committee urged that the director of public service provide for city supervision of this inspection.

M. B. Daly, president of the East Ohio Gas Co., last night characterized the report of the special council committee as superficial.

"In time the East Ohio company will prove that the explosion was caused by sewer gas igniting nitroglycerin," said Mr. Daly. Fire officials who testified as to the cause of the explosion were practically unanimous in saying it was not gas. I am at a loss to know upon what basis the committee decided, although not questioning its integrity from its own standpoint.

"A Case school professor told the committee he believed gas caused the explosion because a victim he saw at the hospital was burned and that only gas explosions cause burns. We can prove this victim was rescued from under a burning door. We can also prove that nitroglycerin explosions cause burns.

"We can prove the explosion did not occur in the cellar, the only place it could have occurred by gas. The force came from above. Henry Haner, survivor, testified he went into the cellar with a lighted candle and did not smell gas.

"We shall also prove that gas smelled in other cellars in the neighborhood was sewer gas and not natural gas. We had analysis made to prove this.

"Of course the council report does not change the situation. It was merely a guess at a conclusion."

In part the council committee's report was as follows:

During the investigation committee was determined that it was without power or responsibility of fixing any legal liability for the explosion if the cause were ascertained. Any liability that may have arisen out of this explosion can and probably will be determined by the courts.

Your committee examined all the adult occupants of the building that survived the explosion and examined other witnesses, and on the basis of the facts which we learned we feel that the explosion was evidently a gas explosion.

The committee is not at all sure as to how gas got into the building. The facts before the committee show that natural gas was escaping at the street valves in the street in the immediate neighborhood of the destroyed building at the time or shortly before the time of the explosion. One of the occupants of the building went to the basement thereof with a lighted candle two hours before the time of the explosion. He did not smell any escaping gas. However, for the purpose of proposing preventive and protective legislation, the committee feels that it may assume for this purpose that the gas which caused the explosion came some way or other from the supply pipes of gas in the streets in the neighborhood of the building.

Your committee feels that it is the interest of the gas company which maintains mains in public streets and supplies gas to the citizens of the city to maintain a good inspection of its lines and the company probably does this. However, your committee recommends the city should supplement the inspection by the gas company with an inspection by the city and for this purpose your committee recommends that the director of public service make provision for the supervision by the city of the inspection made by the gas company.

Your committee further feels that the de-

gers of escaping natural gas ought to be constantly pointed out to the citizens of the city and that this might easily be done by the gas company by having suitable warnings printed monthly on the gas bills that are mailed to consumers.

## SEEKS FUND TO PAY REPUBLICAN DEBTS

Ohio Organization Denies Reported Campaign Appeal to Liquor Men.

Democrats Change Date of Peter Witt Mass Meeting.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With an avowed intention of wiping out a state campaign deficit, the Ohio organization of the Republican party is undertaking a canvass for funds. Relative to first efforts to raise part of the money here, the state administration and wet interests of Cuyahoga county were mentioned together yesterday in a way that called forth vigorous denials from Cleveland Republicans.

Reports that certain liquor men here had been approached and had replied they would be willing to contribute if it be borne in mind there were things they wanted the administration to do, referring specifically to the possibility of retaining the idea at least of the present licensing system, were declared to be without foundation.

For its financial canvass the Republican state organization has divided Ohio into districts, and assigned a party representative to each. Republicans say the canvass is to make up a deficit not to exceed \$7,000 or \$8,000.

The man who has Cuyahoga county on his list is Frank Dimon of Sandusky, former deputy state fire marshal, who was attached to Republican state headquarters last year and was considered a personal representative of Gov. Frank B. Willis, then a candidate.

Mr. Dimon came to Cleveland last week, and called on several leading Republicans, among them ex-Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, James B. Ruhl and O. C. Ringle. His mission, it was affirmed by Republicans yesterday, was to arrange for raising the amount of money designated to be Cuyahoga county's share toward the campaign deficit.

One statement yesterday was that the activity by the Republican state organization was intended to result in a general replenishing of the party's state war chest, and that the amount to be raised in Cuyahoga county was \$10,000. Mr. Ringle said he understood it had not been planned to raise more than one-third or one-fourth that amount in this county.

Coincident with these developments yesterday relative to Cuyahoga county's part in the Republican fund campaign, there cropped out another development which will call the attention of the administration to the liquor question in the state.

Petitions appeared in Cleveland, and it was stated they would be put in general circulation here, asking the legislature not to eliminate entirely county liquor licensing boards.

The date of the Democratic mass meeting to be held in Acme hall has been changed from this week Thursday to the evening of Feb. 9.

At this meeting Democratic precinct committeemen will be asked to approve the candidacy of Peter Witt. The change in date was necessary by the inability of Congressman Robert J. Bulkley to get here Thursday.

The Cuyahoga County League of Republican clubs is to hold a special meeting Thursday night in the Engineers' building.



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# REQUESTS TO AID JOBLESS SWAMP CITY COMMISSION

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by Citizens to Pledge Day's  
Earnings for Fund  
of \$100,000.**

**Police to Help in Campaign at  
Homes and Street Cars  
Also Will be Supplied  
With Cards.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PROMISES ASSISTANCE**

**Merchants, Sending Checks,  
Urge Employers to  
Boost Cause.**

Cleveland, from workingman to capitalist, yesterday plunged into the campaign to raise \$100,000 to create work for the 2,000 unemployed and today will bring into full operation one of the biggest public movements ever undertaken here.

Leaders in the movement last night predicted that the \$100,000 mark not only will be approached, but passed, when Cleveland shares its day's earnings with the unemployed Thursday.

Requests for 40,000 "share-a-day's-earnings" blanks from merchants, manufacturers and fraternal organizations swamped the office force of Allen T. Burns, survey director of the Cleveland Foundation and acting chairman of the mayor's commission on nonemployment in the absence of F. H. Goff.

Clerks and stenographers at headquarters in Goodrich house did their best to fill the orders and two printing companies worked all last night turning out thousands of extra blanks and posters.

Eight automobiles, donated by the city, Samuel Halle, F. H. Goff, R. P. Kinney, Charles E. Adams, Charles Eisenman and Rev. E. H. Tippet, were busy all day delivering pledge blanks to firms. Today this number will be increased by machines of Cleveland Automobile club members, for all blanks and posters must be delivered by noon tomorrow.

## Police Distribute Blanks.

The problem of reaching the thousands of individuals and business concerns not included in the committee's list of 500 was solved by Mayor Newton D. Baker, Chief of Police W. S. Rowe and John J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Co.

Mayor Baker and Chief Rowe informed the committee they would donate the services of the police force. The patrolmen tomorrow will aid in the distribution of blanks and posters among the small shopkeepers on their beats.

President Stanley has ordered 15,000 blanks with which every street car in the city will be stocked tomorrow night and Thursday. Every car rider will be expected to take a blank, fill it out for whatever he feels he can afford and forward it to the

committee headquarters in Goodrich house.

"We want to cover the city with posters and blanks," said Charles E. Adams, chairman of the general citizens' committee. "We want every man and woman in Cleveland to have the opportunity of aiding."

## Commerce Men Assist.

Morris A. Black, president of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday enlisted in the campaign the 2,300 members of the chamber. Each member today will receive a copy of this letter, signed by Mr. Black:

As you doubtless know, the mayor's committee on nonemployment, through a citizens' committee of 100, is endeavoring to raise a large fund to provide work for the unemployed. The money raised will be used under the supervision of the mayor's committee in permanent public improvements in the parks and elsewhere.

The committee believes the

great army of the employed in Cleveland will be willing and anxious to share a day's earnings with those who are not so fortunate as to have employment. The fund, therefore, is to be raised in the stores and factories and those who have profits, salaries, or wages are to be given the opportunity to give some portion. Employers, attorneys, physicians and clergymen are also asked to give. Fifty employees of your chamber have sent a check for \$160.04 to the committee's treasurer today.

The chamber's employees contributed voluntarily and in response only to a suggestion from one of their fellow employees. I cite this purely as an example.

To insure the success of the committee's plan, a great number of people in Cleveland, both employers and employed, must be

willing to take the initiative in their own organizations.

I am writing you, therefore, to ask you if you won't take it upon yourself in your organization or in any organization with which you are connected to see that everyone has at least the opportunity to share a day's earnings.

An appeal to Cleveland employers,

corporate and individual, to consider that the campaign applies to them as well as to employees, was sounded by Walter H. Cottingham, president of the Sherwin-Williams Co., in a letter to Chairman Adams. The letter, which inclosed a check for \$200 as Mr. Cottingham's personal contribution, read:

Many seem to have the idea that the share-a-day's-earnings campaign applies only to employees. I think you should emphasize very strongly the fact that it is expected every employer, whether corporate or individual, and every director or manager shall liberally support this very deserving and urgent work. You can depend upon our company and management to contribute and I would ask you to accept the inclosed check of \$200 as a personal contribution.

From M. Silverman, proprietor of a confectionery store at 5386 St. Clair-av N. E., came this letter, with a \$5 bill:

I read in this morning's paper there was a committee arranged to ask for a day's wages of the Cleveland workingmen for the unemployed, so I consider that my duty is to do the same, even if I am a business man, for myself, and I think it is no more than right for every business man to do so.

Among other personal contributions yesterday was one for \$50 from Rev. Joseph F. Smith, pastor of St. Philomena's church, 13412 Euclid-av. In his letter Rev. Father Smith said:

It is needless to assure you that I am with you heart and soul. This is an opportunity to prove in a substantial way that we love to be our brother's keeper. We have an organization in our parish caring for local cases.

President Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. yesterday had printed at his own expense pledge blanks which will be circulated among company employees. Those signing will direct Mr. Stanley to deduct from their wages the amounts set opposite their names and forward the money to Col. J. J. Sullivan, president of the Superior Savings & Trust Co. and treasurer of the campaign.

At city hall similar blanks were in circulation yesterday. City employees signing will direct City Treasurer William Damm to deduct one-fifteenth of their salary or wages for the period Feb. 1 to 15 and turn the

money over to Col. Sullivan. It was estimated yesterday there are more than 5,000 persons employed in the city departments, including the police and fire departments.

At noon today Chairman Adams will attend the luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to explain to members the purposes of the campaign and urge their support.

President Black of the chamber was a guest at the luncheon of the citizens' committee in The Hollenden yesterday and congratulated the members on the success of their efforts.

"The days of charity in place of work are over," he said. "I hope that out of this campaign will grow a permanent method of handling such emergencies in the way you have undertaken."

The state-city free employment bureau yesterday received an order for fifty men to go to work Thursday in the parks. Extension of the pond at Garfield park, grading of the speedway at Forest Hill and several other projects will be launched at that time.

Gus Zimmerman, proprietor of the Arcadia dancing academy, Euclid-av. near E. 105th-st, yesterday informed Chairman Adams he would donate half the proceeds of his academy Thursday night. Thursday, he said, was the biggest night of the week.

Here are the firms that ordered pledge blanks yesterday and the number of blanks ordered by each:

A. & W. Electric Sign Co., 25; Acme Laundry Co., 25; Acme Machinery Co., 300; American Building Brick Co., 25; Arnold Woodmen Ware Co., 25; the Bailey Co., 2,000; B. R. Baker-Cleveland Co., 65; Bamberger-Reinthal Co., 125; Barkwill Brick Co., 25; Beckman Co., 125; Belle Vernon-Mapes Dairy Co., 300; Billings-Chapin Co., 75; Bishop-Babcock-Becker Co., 400; Bourne-Fuller Co., 150; Bowler & Burdick Co., 50; Bowler Foundry Co., 150; Browning, King & Co., 50; Burrows Bros. Co., 200; Cambridge Co. Heries Co., 25; Canfield Oil Co., 25; Carey Co., 100.

Chandler & Rudd Co., 500; City of Cleveland, 735; Citizens Savings & Trust Co., 100; Cleveland Brass Manufacturing Co., 150; Cleveland Builders Supply Co., 25; Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., 1,000; Cleveland Foundry Co., 1,200; Cleveland Galvanizing Co., 100; Cleveland Frog & Crossing Co., 100; Cleveland Leather Goods Co., 31; Cleveland Lumber Co., 25; Cleveland Paper Manufacturing Co., 25; Cleveland Provision Co., 800.

Cleveland Steel Casting Co., 200; Cleveland Telephone Co., 500; Cleveland Tool & Supply Co., 25; Cleveland Trust Co., 150; Cleveland Twist Drill Co., 100; Cleveland Window Glass & Door Co., 150; Cohn-Goodman Co., 200; Colonial Printing Co., 50; Crescent Brass Manufacturing Co., 40; Cuyahoga Builders' Supply Co., 25; Cuyahoga Telephone Co., 500; W. B. Davis Co., 100; Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1,000; East Ohio Gas Co., 600.

Electric Welding Products Co., 1,000; Empire Rolling Mills Co., 300; Globe Machine & Stamping Co., 150; Grabler Manufacturing Co., 200; Guardian Savings & Trust Co., 350; Guggenheim Co., 25; Halle Bros. Co., 2,500; Haselet Canneries Co., 25; Higbee Co., 500; Hurdley-Pierce-Anderson Co., 25; Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co., 2,000; Ideal Paper Box Co., 100; Insurance committee, 1,500; Joseph & Fells Co., 1,500; Julier Baking Co., 25; Ketch Knitting Mills, 125; King Bridge Co., 150; Kinney & Levan Co., 150.

Kirk-Latty Manufacturing Co., 300; Klein, Lichtenstader & Co., 12; Lake Erie Iron Co., 700; Lamson & Sessions Co., 100; Lindner Co., 300; Robert F. Mackenzie Manufacturing Co., 25; Mathew Smith Tea & Coffee Co., 150; May Co., 2,000; Miller Bros. Shoe Co., 25; Mireau Laundry Co., 25; Mollen, Thompson & James Co., 25; Ben Moore & Co., 25; Loyal Order of Moose, 1,000; Morehouse Co., 400; National Acme Manufacturing Co., 1,200; National Knitting Works Co., 25.

National Screw & Tack Co., 2,500; Ohio Forge Co., 40; Oppenheim-Collins & Co., 300; W. M. Pattison Supply Co., 75; J. B. Pearce Co., 25; Perfection Spring Co., 1,000; J. H. Phelps Co., 25; S. L. Pierce & Co., 400; Pike, Richmond & Co., 150; printers' committee, 2,000; W. H. Quincy Co., 100; Ranney Fish Co., 25; retail merchants' board, Chamber of Commerce, 9,850; Cleveland Real Estate Board, 400; Reliance Electric & Engineering Co., 75; Rice & Sons, 25; F. W. Roberts Co., 70; Rudolph & Son Co., 25; Elks, 1,000; E. S.

Schulte Printing Co., 20; Scott-Griggs Co., 200; Scribner & Loehr Co., 15; C. A. Seizer, 20; Sherwin-Williams Co., 500; Joseph Schrier, 25; Siegel Co., 50; Sigler Bros. Co., 50; S. C. Smith Co., 25; W. P. Southworth Co., 350; Spaulding, 150; Sprague-Monroe Coffee Co., 25; Springsteen Medicine Co., 25; Standard Oil Co., 1,000; Standard Sewing Machine Co., 1,000; Standard Tool Co., 700; John J. Stanley, personal, 100; Stearns Co., 300.

F. B. Stearns Co., 500; N. O. Stone & Co., 75; Sterling & Welch Co., 500; Strong, Carlisle & Hammond Co., 200; William Taylor Son & Co., 2,000; Tropical Paint & Oil Co., 100; W. S. Tyler Co., 900; Union Rolling Mill Co., 500; United Cigar Stores Co., 25; Upson Nut Co., 1,700; Van Camp & Donahue Co., 37; Variety Iron & Steel Works Co., 1,000.

Vaughan Paint Co., 25; Waddell Co., 25; A. J. Watt, 20; Western Reserve Varnish Co., 25; White Sewing Machine Co., 500; White Tool & Supply Co., 25; F. Widlar & Co., 25; Williams Manufacturing Co., 25; Wood & Spencer Co., 25; George Worthington Co., 65; Wovenright Knitting Co., 65; Wuest-Bauman-Hunt Co., 150.

# REFUSES TO BUY RANDALL CAR LINE

**City Council, After Debate  
Decides Not to Endanger  
Three-Cent Fare.**

**Will Look Into Municipal Or-  
chestra Fund Con-  
ditions.**

Following a vigorous debate on the advisability of expending much money for suburban street railway extensions, city council last night, by a vote of 13 to 12, defeated the long pending resolution authorizing the Cleveland Railway Co. to purchase the North Randall railway line for \$146,000.

Opposition to the measure was headed by Councilmen William Stolte and J. J. McGinty, the latter saying that because of the street railway financial situation 3-cent fare would be endangered by the expenditure of large sums.

The purchase of the property was approved by Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and the majority of the street railway committee. Mr. Witt explained the price agreed to was satisfactory and said the line would be a revenue producer this year.

Council members clashed over the adoption of the Gahn resolution calling upon the street railway company to employ derailler men at all grade crossings. When the street railway committee submitted an adverse report, Councilman Harry C. Gahn asked for an explanation.

In reply, Councilman J. W. Reynolds referred to the charge made by Mr. Gahn at the previous meeting in connection with the action of council in referring the resolution. At that meeting Councilman Gahn charged the measure had been referred for political reasons.

"Mr. Gahn's remarks were so discourteous, ungentlemanly and unwholesome the committee could not very well take any other action," he said.

"If the committee would set aside its sensitiveness the council would like to know what it thought about the merits of the resolution," said Councilman W. S. FitzGerald.

"The fact that the committee has opposed my resolution because it did not like my remarks shows that my case has been proved," said Councilman Gahn, in demanding a roll call on the resolution. The measure was defeated, 17 to 7.

A resolution proposing an inquiry into the municipal orchestra situation was referred to committee after Councilman Clayton C. Townes, author of the measure, attempted to bring about its immediate adoption. Mr. Townes' resolution calls for a statement from the director of public welfare showing whether in the city's financial stringency the municipal orchestra is a proper expenditure of city funds and whether the persons who attend the concerts are a class that can afford to furnish themselves with this entertainment.

Mayor Newton D. Baker for a communication to council a delay in taking over the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. In his opinion council should wait until an appraisal of the property has been made by the state public utilities commission. The mayor believes the delays that have attended the task of the state commission were unavoidable.

The mayor expressed the belief that the experience of the city in attempting to regulate the company's rates might indicate the impracticability of attempting to regulate a company through some central authority.

Sale of the model allotment property on Union-av S. E. and E. 116th-st was authorized. The eighty-six-acre tract will be sold to the highest bidder Feb. 25.

An amendment to the appropriation ordinance was received transferring the \$2,000 set aside for the anti-fly campaign from the health department fund to a miscellaneous fund. This will permit Dr. Jean Dawson to be in full charge of the work.

An ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$3,500 for street waste paper boxes was received.

The council passed ordinances authorizing the expenditure of \$200,000 for fire department purposes, \$30,000 for garbage plant purposes and \$100,000 for the parks.

A resolution by Councilman Stolte directing the Cleveland Railway Co. to place its three auto busses on E. 30th-st was referred to the committee on street railways.

The majority of the members approved an amendment to the private employment agency regulation ordinance restoring the license fees to \$150 and \$50, as first suggested.

A resolution by Councilman E. A. Meyers approving the pending bill making eastern time general throughout the state was adopted.

Councilman Stolte introduced an ordinance prohibiting pool rooms from remaining open later than midnight and from opening at an earlier hour than 7 a. m.



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# CITY TO CUT TRACTION SPENDING TO BONE

Expenditures proposed by the Cleveland Railway Company are to be cut to the bone hereafter, councilmen declared Tuesday, following their successful fight against Traction Commissioner Witt's proposal to purchase the North Randall extension for \$146,000. The vote, after a bitter argument, was 13 to 12 against.

Tuesday council street railway committee inspected twenty acres at Denison avenue and W. 73d st., which Witt would have the railway company purchase for \$60,000 for new-car barns to replace the Holmden ave. barn, which will be sold.

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**Many Add Their Mites.** Circulars have been distributed from street cars, public houses and every conceivable way. All Cleveland knows the unemployed are in want. The success of the campaign depends upon the manner in which this general, broadcast appeal is taken. Whether the committee is successful in its effort to raise \$100,000, whether it raises less or more depends upon the man who can and will give. The last day of the preliminary skirmishing of the forces behind the battle against destitution was devoted to smoothing over the rough edges. F. H. Goff, chairman of Mayor Baker's committee, returned Wednesday from New York, and was pleased to learn of the campaign's progress. He conferred with co-workers, A. T. Burns and Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee, and expressed his ardent hope for success. Burns received many contributions Wednesday forenoon from men and women workers. Two men on the way to work, Burns said, stopped to contribute a dollar each. Later an old scrubwoman employed in one of the arcades added her mite. A traveling salesman whose home is in Washington mailed a dollar bill. Another dollar came "from one who carries the dinner pail." The Phoenix Ice Machine Company sent in a check for \$22 from the company, which brought the cash contributions to date up to \$3,000.

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Attorney Miner G. Norton's threats to Republican committeemen and councilmanic candidates that they either must declare for his candidacy for mayor or be supplanted by his own followers, were not taken seriously Wednesday by Republicans. None of the organization men had come out for Norton and indications were that none would. Customs Collector Maurice Maschke, Republican leader, said Wednesday no attention would be given Norton's threat, and that Norton could not force the committeemen out, because they were regularly elected. Norton was busy Wednesday circulating nominating petitions.

# COUNCIL TO MEET TO CONSIDER FLAT CODE

To insure definite action on the new tenement code, which has been kicked around the city hall and Chamber of Commerce for ten months, City Clerk Collins Wednesday served notice on councilmen they must attend the special council meeting on the code Thursday afternoon. Plans of Building Commissioner Allen and Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation, to rush the code through, will meet with opposition. Councilmen will insist that the code, on the first page of which a council committee last week spent an entire session, be gone over.

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612 St. Clair-av N. E., gifts totaling  
\$1,831.88 were received. Col. J. J.  
Sullivan, treasurer of the commis-  
sion, received \$301.51.

### Many Small Givers.

The feature of the gifts announced  
yesterday that assures Chairman  
Charles E. Adams of the campaign  
committee and Chairman F. H. Goff  
of the unemployment commission the  
community realizes the need of the  
effort was the multiplicity of types  
among the givers. Small givers were  
as numerous as large.

Among those whose contributions  
were announced yesterday were:

Girl ushers at the Hippodrome, \$10;  
Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, bishop  
of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of  
Ohio, \$200; Edward McEachern, busi-  
ness agent of the Cooks' union, \$5; L.  
C. Hanna, \$1,000; employees and offi-  
cers of a lumber company, \$100;  
United States District Judge John H.  
Clarke, \$500; the relief committee of  
the Franklin Circle Disciple church,  
\$20; Mrs. F. H. Goff, \$250; Loftus  
Cuddy, \$50; employees of an oil com-  
pany, \$243.26; employees of the Cen-  
tral National bank, \$167.15; employees  
of the Superior Savings & Trust Co.,  
\$155.

Announcement was also made late  
in the afternoon the Sherwin-Williams  
Co., firm and employees, were forward-  
ing a check for \$2,000. Heads of two  
large retail stores said the contribu-  
tions from their employees and officers  
would amount to over \$3,000.

It was learned during the day prac-  
tically every establishment that had  
asked for blanks from the 150,000 lot  
printed was planning to duplicate

part or in full amounts their employees  
give.

### Every Cent Goes to Jobless.

And every cent contributed will be  
used in making work for the unem-  
ployed. Mr. Goff and several mem-  
bers of the citizens' committee deter-  
mined at a conference yesterday they  
would bear all expenses incidental to  
the fund campaign.

Flags will fly from all public build-  
ings and many stores to serve as a  
reminder today is the day to share.  
The women's auxiliary of the citizens'  
committee have formed a telephone  
squad to follow up letters they have  
sent out with reminders this is shar-  
ing day.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Goff, Victor W.  
Sincere, W. H. Cottingham, Samuel  
Halle, W. H. Prescott, John J. Stan-  
ley, Harry Clark and W. D. Sayle  
will spend two hours this morning in  
reminding employers by telephone  
that "today is the day."

Following out its own line of ad-  
monition, "give a job," the commis-  
sion yesterday employed seventeen

young men, many of them members of  
the Y. M. C. A., who were out of  
work, to distribute "share a day's  
earnings" blanks in downtown office  
buildings. These men will be paid 25  
cents an hour.

"Cleveland tomorrow will be in the  
midst of a history-making epoch," Mr.  
Goff said yesterday afternoon. "The  
eyes of the nation and of Canada, are  
watching this effort. All have the op-  
portunity. I feel certain of a gener-  
ous response. I feel sure of the giver  
with small means. I trust they will  
not put to shame the men of means."

Mr. Goff announced yesterday the  
Workman's Collateral Loan associa-  
tion, 286 the Arcade, of which F. F.  
Prentiss is president, is the organiza-  
tion which is making loans to the  
reputable unemployed. For a week  
small loans for pressing needs have  
been made by this organization  
through Allen T. Burns, secretary of  
the unemployment commission.

Another indication of what may be  
expected from today's sharing was  
seen in letters received yesterday in  
response to the letter sent out by  
President Morris Black of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce. Practically every  
letter declared chamber members had  
indorsed the sharing proposition and  
had ordered sharing blanks.

The White Sewing Machine Co. re-  
ported it had taken on 200 men and  
the East Ohio Gas Co. fifty men as a  
result of the give a job movement.  
The Phoenix Oil Co. reported the  
movement has been responsible for  
that concern preparing to immedi-  
ately award a contract for a \$12,000  
building.

Director of Public Service Thomas  
L. Sidlo yesterday asked Mr. Goff to  
consider a proposition to advance the  
city \$2,500 from the fund, with which  
to put to work 500 men in cleaning  
sidewalks. This sort of work is not  
a part of the city administration's  
responsibility, Mr. Sidlo said.

He added the cost of doing this  
work might be collected from prop-  
erty owners by putting the bill on  
the tax duplicate. The fund could in  
this way be paid back to the commis-  
sion.

While the suggestion is not in  
keeping with the original intention  
of the commission to expend the  
money for park improvements, the  
matter will be taken under considera-  
tion until the commission and citi-  
zens' committee is called together  
Saturday or Monday to make final  
plans for the best use of the funds.

The industrial managers' division  
of the Ad club at its meeting today  
in Hotel Statler will discuss the sub-  
ject, "How Far Shall Managers Go  
in the Regulation of the Private Af-  
fairs of Employees in Connection With  
the Unemployment Situation?"

## CONSIDER FEASIBLE TUBE UNDER RIVER

Engineers Report Project at  
Collision Bend Would be  
Practicable.

Councilman Moylan Urges  
Construction at Same  
Time as Bridge.

City engineers who have been  
studying plans for construction of a  
subway beneath the river in connec-  
tion with the elimination of the por-  
tion of the lower river known as Col-  
lision bend, reported yesterday that  
as a rapid transit street railway propo-  
sition the project would be feasible.

This report will be submitted to  
city council as the investigation is  
being made in response to a resolu-  
tion by Councilman David Moylan.

Voters of Cuyahoga county have  
authorized county authorities to pay  
the cost of eliminating the second  
bend in the river in connection with  
erection of the Lorain-Huron bridge.

Councilman Moylan believes at the  
time the new channel is constructed  
the subway might be built as well. It  
was pointed out by him some weeks  
ago that construction of a new chan-  
nel crossing Scranton-rd S. W. near  
the middle of the valley might make a  
subway improvement entirely practi-  
cable. If the subway is constructed it  
is his belief it should be used in con-  
nection with a rapid transit line in  
Walworth run.

The city is planning to raise the  
level of Walworth-av S. W. with  
earth removed from the excavation  
for the Nickel Plate grade crossing  
improvement.

Bridge Engineer F. D. Richards re-  
ported yesterday the approach to the  
subway on the north side would have  
a 6 per cent. grade if street cars of the  
type now in use are allowed to run  
beneath the river. If a subway car  
is used a 5 1-2 per cent. grade will  
answer all purposes. The approach  
from the southerly side will not be as  
steep as at the other end.

### REFUSE CHINESE FIREWORKS

Fireworks displays will not be  
permitted by the city at the  
Chinese New Year's celebration on  
Ontario-st, Feb. 13.

Councilman J. J. McGinty yes-  
terday told Yee Chung, who ap-  
plied for permission as a repre-  
sentative of the On Leon Tong so-  
ciety, that the mayor is prohibi-  
ting all fireworks displays.



# EARLY MAIL BRINGS \$3870 TO JOB FUND

Five Clerks Kept Busy Opening Letters Containing Money to Relieve Unemployment Situation.

WOMEN ARE GIVEN MOST CREDIT FOR SUCCESS

Chairman Adams Is Sure \$100,000 Goal Will Be Reached; Out of Town People Help Campaign.

The Cleveland Automatic Machine Company, 2269 Ashland road, Thursday, as its share city, advertised for at least fifty the unemployment distress in the force, which is now about 175 mechanics. This is the second big addition the company has planned this week. On last Monday it added forty men to the force, which is now about 175 above the normal number.

Checks and cash contributions ranging from 25 cents to \$500 poured in on workers at the headquarters of the unemployment campaign, Goodrich House, Thursday morning, signaling the opening of Cleveland's big "Share a Day's Pay" movement for the relief of its vast army of unemployed.

The first mail carried \$3,870. Checks and cash donations in later mails swelled the fund considerably. An office force of five, directed by Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation director and secretary of the unemployment committee, was kept continuously busy opening mail and checking up the contents.

The early returns largely were from individuals, being responses from cards distributed by the women's auxiliary headed by Mrs. Charles S. Brooks. Of the net sum, \$3,262 was classed as individual contributions—not from employees and firms. The largest individual check was from H. A. Sherwin, of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company, called for \$500. Mrs. Frances M. Sherwin also contributed a personal check of \$50.

## Other Large Contributions.

Other contributions of size were made by Bradley Furniture Company, Prospect ave., \$200; Charles C. Bolton, 100; D. Z. Norton, \$100; Mrs. M. E. and B. B. McClymonds, \$100; Mrs. Henry Swift Upson, \$50, and Rev. Robert J. Crouse, \$50.

Director Burns was inclined to attribute the early success of the campaign to the women.

"Most of the cards returned were sent out by our women helpers," he stated, "and look at the number of large donations coming in from the same source!"

Chairman F. H. Goff expressed little surprise at the proportionately small sum rated as employees' contributions, which, differentiated from

individual and employer, was only \$333. The latter, under the heading of firms, made an early donation of \$145. Goff explained that the "share-a-day's pay" blanks were not to be distributed until Thursday morning, and consequently it was unreasonable to expect any returns before late on Thursday night or early Friday. In Goff's opinion the bulk of the returns would not be in before Friday.

Of 250 letters received at the committee's headquarters in the early mail, five checks called for \$100, nine for \$50, thirteen for \$25, five for \$15 and sixty for \$10. Besides, there were innumerable fives, twos and ones.

## Only One under \$1.

Only one contribution for less than one dollar was received and that came from an aged woman who regretted her rent and coal bills fell due the same week the campaign climax was arranged for. Otherwise she could have helped a little more, she wrote.

The checks came from surrounding towns as well as local sources. One was postmarked Vermilion, another Canton, two Akron and one Toledo, indicating the wide interest the committee's work has attracted in the state.

Word was received from the American Steel & Wire Company that a big contribution from its employees and executive officers may be looked for. Director Burns was advised that practically every one of the 4,000 pledge blanks had been taken by the employees.

The White Automobile Company, which had previously accepted thousands of blanks, early Thursday sent an urgent request for 500 more.

Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee of 100, which has been a powerful factor in Cleveland's battle to relieve conditions, said he is sure the \$100,000 goal will be reached.

Predictions were made Thursday forenoon that more than one-third of the anticipated figure would be received by night. Besides the sum contributed Thursday, \$2,132.83 was received at headquarters late Wednesday. Promises also were made that the employees and officials of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company would forward a check for \$2,000, while heads of two retail stores stated contributions from their employees would pass the \$3,000 figure.

## REPORT SUBWAY UNDER CUYAHOGA IS FEASIBLE

A subway under the Cuyahoga river as a rapid transit proposition is feasible, city engineers who have been studying the question have reported.

The engineers have carried on their investigation in connection with plans for the elimination of Collision bend.

Councilman David Moylan, at whose instigation the investigation was made, believes the subway should be built at the time the river straightening work is done.

## HERE'S REAL LAW PROBLEM: IS COW PUBLIC UTILITY?

If Clara and Her \$150,000 Herd Is Cooley'll Lose Them and Sidlo'll Get 'Em.

ALSO, IF THEY ARE, FARM PRISONERS LOSE CREAM

And Babies of City Will Get It —Which Will Be Tough on Warrensville Visitors.

Charges that welfare department officials will violate the new charter, purchasing department regulations and ordinances if they carry out their plan of selling surplus milk from the Holstein herd at Warrensville to the Babies dispensary, 2500 E. 35th st., Thursday resulted in a lull in negotiations until Law Director Stockwell rules on the legality of the idea.

A council investigation will be demanded if city officials persist in their present plans, councilmen threatened. Steps also will be taken to take control of the \$150,000 herd from Welfare Director Cooley to Service Director Sidlo, under new charter regulations, in case it is determined a cow is a utility.

## Here Are Obstacles.

The two legal obstacles that loomed up Thursday as a formidable barrier to the welfare department's entering into a contract with the dispensary were whether the department legally could enter into a contract without first advertising for bids, and whether the herd does not become a utility, in the legal sense of the word, if it is finally decided to sell the milk.

"When the charter first became effective council passed an ordinance prohibiting the purchasing department from entering into contracts involving \$1,000 or more without obtaining bids," Councilman Woods said Thursday. "If the welfare department persists in its present plan approximately \$10,000 worth of milk will be sold annually to the dispensary. To permit welfare officials to set a price per gallon arbitrarily and sell it to whom they please seems a violation of the charter and council ordinances."

Woods also raised the question if the herd, purchased and supported by taxpayers' funds, did not become a utility if profit results from the herd's production of milk. Woods also pointed to a section of the new charter which says the service director shall manage and control all tax-supported utilities.

"At first glance it would seem the herd is a utility, and if such must go under the control of Sidlo," Woods declared. "The whole plan seems to involve a mass of legal tangles which must be straightened out before definite action is taken."

## Deny Department's Right.

Law department officials give the offhand opinion Thursday that the welfare department has no more authority to enter into contract with the dispensary than with a milk concern.

According to Charities Commissioner Vining the city would sell from 100 to 125 gallons of milk daily to the dispensary at a price of twenty-five

cents a gallon. This would net the city \$10,000 a year. At present the surplus milk is separated, the cream being sold in small quantities while the skimmed milk is fed to Holstein calves.

Cooley and Purchasing Commissioner Callow put the legal side of the question up to Stockwell immediately after Woods entered his protest. It is expected the ruling will be made Friday.

## WELL, WHO IS OUR BATHHOUSE BOSS ANYWAY?

Clash Brews Between Alber and Black Over Control of Parks and Play, Too.

First warning of a bitter controversy between Park Commissioner Alber and Recreation Commissioner Black over the control of parks, playgrounds and bathhouses came Thursday at city hall when Alber announced he soon will appoint a superintendent for the new \$80,000 Woodland avenue bathhouse, to be opened April 1. Before Alber and Black come to terms it is expected council and board of control will have been drawn into the melee, and that some sections of the new charter will have their meaning warped.

John Zeber, now head of the Clark ave. bathhouse, is the man Alber plans to name. Whether Zeber is to be responsible to both Black and Alber, or only to Alber, and how social features of the bathhouse are to be administered are the rocks on which the two commissioners will crash.

According to the new charter, supervision and management of parks, playgrounds and bathhouses is vested in the service department, while further on practically the same power is given the welfare department. Just where to draw the line has not yet been distinguished; hence the row.

"Unless something unforeseen arises we undoubtedly will take charge of the new Woodland bathhouse," Alber declared Thursday. "Council set aside \$2,000 for equipment and \$8,000 for operation this year, all in the park department. Also we are purchasing furniture and caring for all contracts. In a few weeks I plan to appoint a superintendent. Whether he will have charge of the gymnasium and social work I don't know. However, a man cannot serve two masters."

Many readjustments must be made when the park season opens, Welfare Director Cooley admitted Thursday. Speaking for Black, who is in New York, Cooley said supervision of the city's recreational activities must come under Black, despite Alber's declaration. The recreation division's advisory committee, comprising some seventeen wealthy and influential Clevelanders, is expected to have Black's power broadened.

Similar disputes of authority are expected in June when parks are opened. If both Alber and Black hold fast to the charter, the former will sell tickets and clean up the bathhouses, while the latter's duty will consist of hiring guards and caring for bathers once they leave the bathhouses proper.



## DONATION DAY BRINGS FUNDS TO AID JOBLESS

Commission Members Believe  
Contributions Will Reach  
\$100,000 Mark.

**WORKERS ARE LIBERAL**  
Banks, Factories and Stores  
Send Money—Mayor  
Gives Check.

A big community awakening for relief of jobless thousands swept all Cleveland Thursday, "share-a-day's-earnings" day.

Small wage earners, big employers, professional men and women, retired citizens of wealth—all helped raise a great fund to pay for jobs for destitute men and women.

Donations of all sizes poured into the job commission office, 612 St. Clair-av, where Secretary Allen T. Burns kept an office force busy tabulating and classifying contributions.

At noon indications were the commission's expectation of a \$100,000 fund would be realized. Thursday's donations were regarded as preliminary to the hundreds of contributions expected in Friday's mail.

Approximate totals by classes up to 1 p. m. were: Individuals \$3291, firms \$345, groups of employees \$380, banks \$2100.

These Cleveland banks joined the long list of donors: The Cleveland Trust Co gave \$500; Guardian Savings & Trust Co., \$500; Central Savings & Trust Co., \$500; Citizens Savings & Trust Co., \$500; Society for Savings, \$500; Garfield Savings Bank Co., \$100.

Burns estimated at noon that nearly \$10,000 had been received during the morning. Afternoon mails were expected greatly to swell this figure.

### Firms Join Movement.

Donations from more than 200 individuals, 15 firms and 12 groups of employees were tabulated. The average individual donation was \$15.

The city-wide interest is shown in the following typical table of donation amounts and the number of contributors for each:

Six \$500 donations; five, \$100; one, \$210; seventy-three, \$5; thirteen, \$25; fifty-two, \$10; one, 25 cents; five, \$15; twenty-one, \$2; three, \$6; nine, \$50; twenty-five, \$1; ten, \$3.

Some of the bigger individual donations received were:

H. A. Sherwin, \$500; Charles C. Bolton, \$100; Frances M. Sherwin, \$50; D. Z. Norton, \$100; Misses M. E. and B. B. McChymonds, \$100; Mrs. Henry Swift Upson, \$50; J. Robert Krause, \$50.

### Employees Are Liberal.

Typical of firm donations was the \$100 check received from the National Malleable Castings Co., and one for \$200 from the M. A. Bradley Co.

Total donations sent by groups of employees ranged from \$110 to \$8.

Employees of the Advertising club and other organizations joined the group plan instituted by employee donors in over 500 shops, factories, stores and other

### business places.

Practically all firms whose employees donated in a lump sum sent a firm check equal to or greater than the employees' fund.

A. B. du Pont, consulting engineer, donated \$50, and specified that it be used to employ jobless workers to solicit subscriptions to the Ground Hog, a tax reform magazine edited by David Gibson.

### Baker Contributes.

"I can only send 25 cents now, but I'll send more later. I have to pay out for coal and rent this week. I do not have an abundance, but I want to have a hand in this fund," was one letter received, typical of a big class of small donors.

Mayor Baker and city department heads gave a day's pay. This is to be combined with a donation from practically all city hall employees, to be forwarded to the fund next week.

Flags were unfurled on public buildings and hundreds of residences in celebration of the "share-a-day's-earnings" day.

All money is to be used in employing men on public work in parks and playgrounds.

A public accounting of funds and expenditure is to be made each week by J. J. Sullivan, treasurer.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, and other members expressed gratification at the indications for success of the fund raising.

## Vote No Item When Jimmy Can be Help

Voteless constituents of city councilmen usually get short shrift when they appear at city hall seeking favors.

But that didn't happen when one of Councilman Jimmy McGinty's voteless constituents, Yee Chung, Chinese merchant, called on Jimmy to tell him Feb. 13 would be the Chinese new year.

"Want to have big time," said Yee. "Want to have fireworks."

Saying he would see Mayor Baker, Jimmy left the city clerk's office headed for the mayor's office—but in a moment he returned.

"The permit for the big time is issued," Jimmy told Yee. "But no permit will be issued for fireworks. No fireworks goes."

Council itself and not the mayor issues fireworks permits.

But Jimmy says voteless constituents are entitled to consideration.

## EARLY TOTALS GIVE \$48,000 IN 'SHARE A DAY'S PAY' FUND

Figures Include Yesterday's  
Gifts, Those Made Before  
and Others Known to  
be on Way.

Less Than One-Twentieth of  
Firms and Persons Ask-  
ing for Blanks Have  
Reported.

OUTLOOK THOUGHT GOOD  
FOR UNEMPLOYED HERE

Postoffice is Flooded With  
Letters to Special  
Commission.

Last midnight tabulations of yesterday's "share-a-day's earnings" receipts totaled \$14,066.84, with less than one-twentieth of the number of firms and clubs that had asked for contribution blanks heard from.

More than three-fourths of the gifts yesterday came from individual donors, members of the class that the citizens' committee had feared would not be reached.

Five business establishments and five banks up to last midnight had advised Chairman F. H. Goff and secretary Allen T. Burns of the unemployment commission that they had checks on the way from themselves and employees that would aggregate \$10,972.

Counting what the commission received previous to yesterday, the sought-for \$100,000 fund at midnight had in it \$38,006.26. Postoffice authorities advised Mr. Burns that sorters were busy with several thousand letters addressed to the commission.

### Returns Are Tabulated.

Following is the tabulation for yesterday up to midnight:

Counted at headquarters, the Goodrich house, 612 St. Clair-av N. E.:

804 individuals	\$7,652.27
47 groups of employees	\$2,342.92
41 firms	\$1,261.00
1 bank	\$25.00

Total ..... \$11,281.19

Counted by Col. J. J. Sullivan, treasurer:

Individuals	\$1,138.00
2 banks	\$1,000.00
Groups of employees	\$447.65
One firm	\$200.00

Total ..... \$2,785.65

"It looks good," said Mr. Burns at midnight, after giving out these figures, "but I do not feel justified in venturing a prediction at this time."

"It will be several days before we can tell whether we are going to get the \$100,000. Less than one-twentieth of the establishments that asked for blanks have made returns, and we cannot expect to hear from all for a day or two. Returns have been encouraging from the few sources from

which we have received reports.

"But the significant feature of the whole effort is the way the individual givers we had no idea we could reach have responded. A great deal of the credit for this must be given to Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, chairman of the woman's auxiliary, which organization issued 6,500 letters to citizens who could not have been reached in any other way."

### Gift Move Continues.

"That the sharing is still on is shown by the fact 25,000 additional 'share a days earnings' blanks were telephoned for today."

Every conceivable method was used by givers in making their contributions. Hundreds used newspaper coupons. Many had obtained sharing blanks from street cars. Several hundred gifts were anonymous. Gifts ranged from twelve 1-cent stamps and silver wrapped in tissue paper to checks running into three figures. Perhaps 150 givers appeared at the Goodrich house to bring their contributions in person.

And the types of givers were almost as varied. Women of ease and scrub women; laborers and capitalists; street cleaners and professional men; men and women of all creeds and of a score of nationalities.

The spirit of good will seemed evident among all, but was concretely so in hundreds of cases where donors told the committee its approval in terse notes.

Announcement that the following contributions were on their way from these firms, employers and employees, was made to Mr. Goff and Mr. Burns: Halle Bros. Co., \$1,772; Bailey Co., \$1,000; May Co., \$1,500; American Steel & Wire Co., \$2,000; Sherwin-Williams Co., \$2,000.

The Central National bank and the Superior Savings & Trust Co., each sent \$500 to Col. Sullivan. And these banks informed Mr. Goff they were sending the following amounts: Guardian Savings & Trust, \$500; Citizens Savings & Trust, \$500; Cleveland Trust, \$500; Garfield Savings Bank Co., \$100; First National, \$500; United Savings & Banking, \$100.

A few of the many who sent checks

were Common Pleas Judges H. G. Powell, Willis Vickery and William B. Neff, Probate Judge Alexander Hadden, Attorney D. Z. Norton, Councilman John Tack, Secretary Thomas Farrell of the Cleveland Federation of Labor; H. A. Sherwin, officers and employees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Ben P. Boyle.



Friday

## CLASH IN DEBATE ON HOUSING CODE

Councilmen, After Dispute,  
Agree on Provisions of  
Tenement Measure.

McGinty Denies People in  
Downtown Zone Live  
in Filth.

Councilmen clashed in heated dispute at a public meeting of the council committee of the whole yesterday called to consider the long pending tenement code.

Councilman J. J. McGinty of the downtown ward attempted to have the entire article dealing with the maintenance of tenements stricken from the code.

The motion was defeated, as was the effort of Mr. McGinty to have the meeting adjourned.

The committee approved the code including the maintenance article that was fought by Councilman McGinty. The code will come up for final passage at Monday night's council meeting.

Tenement owners, who attended yesterday's meeting, declared the ordinance would be fought in the courts on constitutional grounds. It is contended the council cannot pass an ordinance that is retroactive.

The question has been referred to City Law Director John N. Stockwell for decision.

It is held by Councilman McGinty the code will give the building and

sanitation divisions power to force the tearing down of tenements. In this opinion the code should merely apply to buildings erected from this time on and not to existing structures.

One code provision requires fire escapes to be placed on two story tenements as well as those of a greater height. The committee approved one change. This removes double houses having common stairways and cellars from the tenement class.

Councilman W. J. Horrigan supported Councilman McGinty in the debate.

"I have tenements in my ward," he said. "The people in those districts are healthier than any officials of the health department. What are you going to do with people who have salaries below \$25 a week, shoot them?"

Councilmen William Stolte and

J. W. Reynolds sided with Councilman Smith, who is chairman of the

council committee on health and sanitation.

## REPUBLICANS MOVE TO UNITE FACTIONS

G. O. P. League Asks Party  
to Agree on One Candidate  
for Mayor.

Harmony Committee May  
Join Willis-Maschke-  
Hanna Elements.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Leaders of the three Republican factions in Cuyahoga county, with two officials of the League of Republican clubs, last night were delegated by President John Braschwitz of the league to try to establish party harmony in the county and unite Republican strength on one candidate for mayor.

James B. Ruhl, personal representative of Gov. Frank B. Willis; William P. Leach, manager of the Leader, and representative of the Dan R. Hanna political interests; Customs Collector Maurice Maschke, Republican organization chief; Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the league's campaign committee, and Jonathan Evans, chairman of the league's political action committee, were appointed by President Braschwitz to serve as a conciliation committee. Naming of Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Leach and Mr. Maschke gives recognition in the committee to the Willis, Hanna and Maschke elements of the party.

The development is a crystallization of the wish among active Republicans that party heads join hands in a leadership which Gov. Willis would recognize, and at the same time combine anti-administration forces behind a single mayoralty entry.

Deny Maschke Influence.

Reports that the move was engineered by Collector Maschke, who has declared for candidate Harry L. Davis, were denied by men considered close to the collector. That some of the leaders knew of it beforehand and acquiesced in the idea, was more than half suspected, however, according to opinions voiced among delegates. President Braschwitz explained that the scheme originated with himself.

The plan had been arranged in detail before the special meeting of the league at which it was launched. The session was held in the Engineers

building. President Braschwitz named the committee after delivering an address in which harmony was the key-note.

The action of the league, in empowering the president to select the committee, was taken over the protest of Pierre A. White, directly representing Harry L. Davis, who delivered a word from Mr. Davis against such a maneuver.

Mr. White did not mention Mr. Davis by name, but said he had talked just before the meeting with "the man who ran for mayor last time."

"He told me he hoped the league would not indorse the man who ran before, or any other candidate. He said he hoped the league would not appoint any committee to try to

smooth the situation over," declared Mr. White.

President Braschwitz, in appointing Mr. Ruhl, brought in the name of Gov. Willis, saying the governor was desirous of Republican harmony and success here. Coupling this with the fact that the governor has intimated Cuyahoga county Republicans will receive no patronage until they have united, it was predicted appointment of the conciliation committee would prove the forerunner, if successful, of a general get-together movement

among Republican leaders.

Miner G. Norton received reports of the action of the league at his office. He said it would make no difference in his attitude.

"I told the people I would be a candidate, and of course I will be," he said.

The discussion prior to appointment of the committee brought out that Francis V. Brady expects next week to inaugurate a petition to eliminate the nonpartisan features of the city charter. There were several expressions in the league meeting in favor of the effort.

Rev. E. Lee Howard of Painesville has been chosen to offer the invocation at the Tippecanoe club banquet in Hotel Statler tomorrow night.

According to a letter received by club officials yesterday from Gov. Willis, it is not probable the executive will attend the banquet. Attorney Ruhl went to Columbus yesterday, and it was said would make efforts to have the governor come for the affair.

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# CLASH IN DEBATE ON HOUSING CODE

Councilmen, After Dispute, Agree on Provisions of Tenement Measure.

McGinty Denies People in Downtown Zone Live in Filth.

Councilmen clashed in heated dispute at a public meeting of the council committee of the whole yesterday called to consider the long pending tenement code.

Councilman J. J. McGinty of the downtown ward attempted to have the entire article dealing with the maintenance of tenements stricken from the code.

The motion was defeated, as was the effort of Mr. McGinty to have the meeting adjourned.

The committee approved the code including the maintenance article that was fought by Councilman McGinty. The code will come up for final passage at Monday night's council meeting.

Tenement owners, who attended yesterday's meeting, declared the ordinance would be fought in the courts on constitutional grounds. It is contended the council cannot pass an ordinance that is retroactive.

The question has been referred to City Law Director John N. Stockwell for decision.

It is held by Councilman McGinty the code will give the building and

sanitation divisions power to force the tearing down of tenements. In his opinion the code should merely apply to buildings erected from this time on and not to existing structures.

One code provision requires fire escapes to be placed on two story tenements as well as those of a greater height. The committee approved one change. This removes double houses having common stairways and cellars from the tenement class.

Councilman W. J. Horrigan supported Councilman McGinty in the debate.

"I have tenements in my ward," he said. "The people in those districts are healthier than any officials of the health department. What are you going to do with people who have salaries below \$25 a week, shoot them?"

Councilmen William Stolte and

J. W. Reynolds sided with Councilman Smith, who is chairman of the

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# REPUBLICANS MOVE TO UNITE FACTIONS

G. O. P. League Asks Party to Agree on One Candidate for Mayor.

Harmony Committee May Join Willis-Maschke-Hanna Elements.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Leaders of the three Republican factions in Cuyahoga county, with two officials of the League of Republican clubs, last night were delegated by President John Braschwitz of the league to try to establish party harmony in the county and unite Republican strength on one candidate for mayor.

James B. Ruhl, personal representative of Gov. Frank B. Willis; William P. Leach, manager of the Leader, and representative of the Dan R. Hanna political interests; Customs Collector Maurice Maschke, Republican organization chief; Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the league's campaign committee, and Jonathan Evans, chairman of the league's political action committee, were appointed by President Braschwitz to serve as a conciliation committee. Naming of Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Leach and Mr. Maschke gives recognition in the committee to the Willis, Hanna and Maschke elements of the party.

The development is a crystallization of the wish among active Republicans that party heads join hands in a leadership which Gov. Willis would recognize, and at the same time combine anti-administration forces behind a single mayoralty entry.

Deny Maschke Influence.

Reports that the move was engineered by Collector Maschke, who has declared for candidate Harry L. Davis, were denied by men considered close to the collector. That some of the leaders knew of it beforehand and acquiesced in the idea, was more than half suspected, however, according to opinions voiced among delegates. President Braschwitz explained that the scheme originated with himself.

The plan had been arranged in detail before the special meeting of the league at which it was launched. The session was held in the Engineers

building. President Braschwitz named the committee after delivering an address in which harmony was the key-note.

The action of the league, in empowering the president to select the committee, was taken over the protest of Pierre A. White, directly representing Harry L. Davis, who delivered a word from Mr. Davis against such a maneuver.

Mr. White did not mention Mr. Davis by name, but said he had talked just before the meeting with "the man who ran for mayor last time."

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smooth the situation over," declared Mr. White.

President Braschwitz, in appointing Mr. Ruhl, brought in the name of Gov. Willis, saying the governor was desirous of Republican harmony and success here. Coupling this with the fact that the governor has intimated Cuyahoga county Republicans will receive no patronage until they have united, it was predicted appointment of the conciliation committee would prove the forerunner, if successful, of a general get-together movement

among Republican leaders. Miner G. Norton received reports of the action of the league at his office. He said it would make no difference in his attitude.

"I told the people I would be a candidate, and of course I will be," he said.

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Mayor Baker said he did not believe there would be a change soon from universal fare.

Lakewood people have conceived the idea, in discussing with city and street railway officials concerning the Madison-av extension, that reduction of the mechanics of fare paying to pay enter and pay leave is a direct forerunner of the institution of a zone system. Mayor Baker said he could see no such connection.

President John J. Stanley railway company believes it certain to be a change in the system, and that a zone system result eventually.



## ASKS CITY TO TRAIN PLAY SUPERVISORS

Councilman McGinty Suggests School, Under Charge of Commissioner of Recreation, to Develop Playground Directors.

Complete courses for the training of playground supervisors will be provided at a municipal school under the direction of the department of public welfare, according to plans being formulated by Councilman McGinty.

Supervisors now holding positions under civil service, and applicants for positions on city and school playgrounds, will be asked to take the course of instruction, if McGinty's plan is approved.

Dr. E. A. Peterson, chief medical inspector in the public schools, and others interested in recreational activities, conducted a course in playground work last year. A charge of \$10 for the course was made.

McGinty would have the commissioner of recreation take charge of

the municipal school and arrange for lectures by playground experts. Sessions can be held in the city council chambers and the city will be at little expense, he says.

Another conflict of authority between Commissioner of Parks Alber and Commissioner of Recreation Black is expected to develop over the appointment of a superintendent for the new Woodland avenue bathhouse.

The city charter gives the commissioner of parks charge of the management of bathhouses, but provides that the commissioner of recreation shall supervise recreational activities. Alber wants to name John Zeber, superintendent of the Clark avenue municipal bathhouse, for the new position. Black says that the appointment should be made by his division.

## NEW COUNCIL FIGHT ON TENEMENT CODE

Rents Will Go Up and Hundreds of Families Made Homeless if Passed, Declares McGinty.

Hundreds of families will be driven from their homes and rents increased generally, if the proposed tenement house code is passed in the form approved by a committee of the whole council yesterday, according to Councilman McGinty.

He led an unsuccessful fight against sections of the code which will force drastic changes in present tenement buildings. Ulrich Richter, owner of a number of apartment houses in the downtown district, announced that he would test the ordinance in the courts, if passed by the council.

The code prescribes minimum amounts of light and air, fixes the size of rooms and height of windows and doors, regulates dimensions of lots and requires fire escapes on even two-story buildings. It also goes extensively into the type of material to be used in plumbing and other interior fixings.

### Must Fit New Standards.

Buildings now occupied must come up to the standards of new tenement buildings in many of these provisions. All buildings occupied by more than two families are classed as tenements.

McGinty will make an effort to have the code amended on the floor of the council Monday night. He will be aided by President Thompson, Councilman Horrigan and others who claim that the proposed code should not apply to buildings now in use.

"If this ordinance is passed we might as well shoot every person who can't pay \$30 a month rent," vehemently declared Horrigan during the discussion of the measure. He said the city was suffering from too much legislation.

Councilman Smith obtained an

amendment which exempted two family houses from the operations of the code, unless halls and closets are used jointly by occupants. This was the only change made in the proposal as drafted by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Fine for "Innocent Tenant."

"This ordinance forces the owner of a tenement house to make all kinds of improvements, while it enables the building division to hold up a permit for the work while the house stands idle," said McGinty. "It also provides a big fine for the innocent tenant who moves into a building which has not been licensed."

Chairman Foster was forced to send the sergeant-at-arms after Councilmen Moylan, Townes and Gahn, who were attending another committee meeting, in order that there might be a quorum. The code has been pending before the council for six months.

## BOTH PARTIES SEEK TO CLEAR MAYOR MUDDLE

Witt's Friends Begin to Get Uneasy and Decide to Push Plans for "Introducing" Him.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Efforts to clarify the mayoralty situation were being made last night by Democratic and Republicans, as a climax to a day of intense activity among the politicians.

Friends of Peter Witt's candidacy decided it unsafe longer to postpone the meeting of the Democratic precinct committeemen that was to have been held last night, and which has been set over time and time again. A call will be sent out today by Vice Chairman Haserodt for the meeting to take place Tuesday in Acme hall.

Close friends of John M. Sulzmann, whose petitions have been widely circulated, asserted positively that they believed he would formally decide not to be a candidate the end of this week or the first of next week, thus leaving Witt the only Democratic candidate in the field.

### Try to Join Factions.

An unheralded attempt to unite the Republicans behind one candidate was made by the League of Republican Clubs in a stormy meeting in the Engineers building.

The league invited five Republicans to canvass the situation, with an idea of operating so as to have only one candidate of the G. O. P. faith.

Democratic politicians have been "passing the buck" about who shall preside at the Witt meeting. Chairman Robert J. Bulkley, who has not in the past been particularly in love with Witt or his friends, was the first man it was put up to. He will be in Washington next Tuesday. Vice Chairman Haserodt, who at one time nursed ambitions to be the candidate himself, will have to preside.

Sulzmann has been the rope in a political tug-of-war between the Democratic organization, which wants him to pull out, and Charles V. Gilbert and other friends, who want him to get in. A strong report was spread yesterday that Sulzmann already had told organization men he would not run.

### Still in Battle.

"That is absolutely false," Sulzmann said. "I am still in the fight until I have canvassed the situation. When I see the sentiment is such that the people who wanted me to run think I should withdraw I will do so."

Sulzmann is expected to finish his canvass this week. It is understood that he will then retire in favor of Witt.

Delegates to the League of Republican Clubs were summoned by President John Braszewitz to the special meeting to try to harmonize the party for the mayoralty campaign. Braszewitz said many demands were being made that the league indorse one or another mayoralty candidate.

"This body can not fulfill its usefulness by standing idle while the party drifts into factional division," Braszewitz declared. He said he had determined to name a committee of five, to use their efforts toward finding some method of centering Republican strength in one

candidate.

There was some discussion on the subject, most of the men present agreeing that something should be done to have only one candidate. P. A. White delivered a message from Harry L. Davis asking that no action or indorsements be made.

So far as is known, no party leaders were consulted by Braszewitz before the meeting.

## \$50,000 IN JOB FUND; SEEK MORE

Clevelanders Pour  
Forth Golden Stream  
to Provide Work.

## CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Donations for Balance of  
Week Expected to Bring  
Total to \$100,000.

Scrub women and teachers, laborers and capitalists, chauffeurs and their employers, business and professional men vied with each other yesterday with the common aim of raising the \$100,000 fund sought to relieve Cleveland's unemployed.

At midnight, when the count of the receipts was suspended, it was estimated that with amounts previously contributed at least half the fund had been raised. About \$33,000 came in yesterday in actual contributions or pledges and only about fifty of the 1,100 firms, clubs and organizations which asked for contribution blanks have been heard from.

One aged negro woman, bowed with toil, limped her way painfully up the stairs to the office of the unemployment commission in the Goodrich House, to contribute her twenty-five cents, earned at the washtub, to the fund.

"I scrub for my money, but I am glad to help somebody else. This is more than a day's wages," wrote another woman who sent \$3 to help the fund.

These are typical of the spirit of the day. There were many large individual contributions, but the small individual givers, the working people, predominated.

### More Blanks Requested.

"Many firms and individuals seem to have only just grasped the object of the campaign," Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission said last night. "As a result, it will be held open the rest of the week. We received calls for 25,000 contribution blanks yesterday."

At Mr. Burns' office up to midnight, \$7,652.27 was received from 804 individual givers, \$2,342.92 from forty-seven groups of employees and \$1,261 from forty-one firms, making a total of \$11,256.19.

At Mr. Burns' office yesterday \$6,340.22 in cash was received from 617 small individual givers, \$706 from twenty-four firms and \$1,159.19 from thirty groups of employees, making a total of \$8,205.41.

Colonel J. J. Sullivan, treasurer of



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the fund, received \$1,138 from individual givers, \$1,000 from two banks, \$447.65 from five groups of employees and \$200 from one firm, a total of \$2,785.65.

A group of nine banks donated \$3,700 to the fund as follows: Guardian Savings and Trust Company, \$500; Central National bank, \$500; Citizens Savings and Trust Company, \$500; Cleveland Trust Company, \$500; Society for Savings, \$500; First National bank, \$500; Superior Savings and Trust Company, \$500; United Savings and Banking Company, \$100; Garfield Savings bank, \$100.

#### Business Firms Contribute.

Contributions pledged from business firms yesterday were: the Halle Brothers Company employees, \$1,772; May Company employees, \$1,500; the Bailey Company employees, \$1,000; the American Steel & Wire Company employees, \$1,500; the American Steel & Wire Company officials, \$500; Sherwin-Williams Company, employees and firm, \$2,000.

Among the big individual contributions yesterday were: E. W. Oglebay, \$500; H. A. Sherwin, \$500; Colonel J. J. Sullivan, \$100; A. Teachout, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. E. Grasselli, \$100.

Other contributions were: employees of county treasurer's office, \$103; Pearl Street Savings & Trust Company employees, \$87; Central National Bank employees, \$91; Superior Savings & Trust Company employees, \$58; employees of municipal lighting plant, E. 53d st., \$24.

#### More to Be Received.

Prior to yesterday, in addition to the nucleus of nearly \$20,000 raised by voluntary contributions, \$3,285.88 had been raised by the commission.

"The responses thus far indicate a very large sum will be raised," Mr. Burns said last night. "Only a small proportion of the factories and stores where the employees are contributing have been heard from so far, and when these come in a better index of the total amount will be obtained."

Mr. Burns and a force of five clerks were kept busy until nearly midnight opening letters and recording contributions. Receipts will be mailed to every contributor whose name is given.

The money is to be expended on permanent improvements in parks and playgrounds, giving work for three days a week to the thousands of men out of work who have one or more persons dependent on them.

A detailed report of expenditures will be made public each week.

## \$57,000 PLEDGED TO GIVE JOBS TO CITY'S WORKLESS

Contributions Early Friday  
Totalled \$6,029, of Which  
Individuals Gave \$3,582.

### SUCCESS RESTS UPON THOSE NOW AT WORK

Director Burns Confident  
\$100,000 Goal Set by  
Committee Will Be Reached

The dial on Cleveland's relief clock moved forward slowly Friday, the grand total, inclusive of all previous contributions and pledges for future aid, amounting to \$57,011.66. Of this the \$20,000 which was contributed in the early days of the movement to relieve the distress of the city's hundreds of unemployed is included. And some of this has been expended for the campaign. Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation director and secretary of the unemployment committee, said Friday.

Actual cash contributions for Friday totaled \$6,029.66. Of this the "share a day's pay" pledge blanks which were distributed among employees netted \$3,582.41, leading all other contributors. Individual donations reaching \$1,657.25 were received at the committee's headquarters, Goodrich House, and \$777 from employers. These Director Burns characterizes as "personal" gifts, and not from firms.

#### Burns Not Disappointed.

Friday was the day on which the bulk of returns from the "share-a-day's-pay" blanks were expected, but Director Burns expressed no disappointment at the low figure subscribed, stating that it would be several days before money coming from such sources could be accounted for. This, he explained, is due to the fact that considerable checking and deducting are involved through the system adopted.

Burns stated several of the biggest concerns in the city which had ordered thousands of blanks phoned that it would be Saturday or Monday at the earliest before they can make known the amount subscribed by their men. This is typical of the general condition, Burns stated.

#### Up to Workers.

Officials behind the campaign to raise \$100,000 to provide work in public parks and playgrounds, admitted Friday that the success or failure of the project now depends largely upon the working man. They said the bulk of individual and firm contributions have been received.

Of the money subscribed to date the employees have contributed \$9,779.41; individuals, \$11,949.25, and firms \$3,015. Besides \$8,996 have been pledged by banks and firms. Previous contributions, including the original \$20,000 on which the movement really was launched, amount to \$3,285. This latter sum was received before the committee set \$100,000 as

its goal.

One of the biggest contributions Friday was a \$500 check from the Cleveland firemen. The anticipated check from the city hall officials is still to be heard from. Others who contributed sizeable amounts were employers and employees of Miller Brothers Star Shoe Company, Cleveland Folding Machine Company, Chandler Motor Car Company, Saginaw Bay Company, City Ice Delivery Company and the International Garment Workers' union. There were no large individual donations.

Pathos mingled with humor in the lines of some of the notes received at the committee's headquarters. Quite a few people apparently are opposed to expending the money on permanent improvements of the parks and playgrounds, and one suggests that it be spent on tidying up the streets. Another would buy homes for the jobless.

And Arthur Hasse of the Superior Foundry Company who says he is a leader of 300 willing workmen wrote that he and his men will contribute a day's pay if "them high officials in the city hall—Baker, Sidlo, and Benesch who pull down \$10,000 a year will come across with something."

## NEW CITY HALL STIRS M'GINTY'S ARTISTIC VEIN

Councilman Jimmy McGinty, of the Ninth ward, was suffering from another attack of artistic temperament Friday, following a visit to the new city hall.

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"I think it should be an allegorical painting, depicting the progress of Cleveland or something of that sort," said McGinty. "It will be given much careful study."

McGinty also was impressed by the vastness of the council chamber and the generous amount of space each councilman will have to wander around during oratorical declamations.

The council chamber will be one of the show places in the new \$3,000,000 city hall. It will be finished in marble. The councilmen will be provided with office space outside the chamber. Great art glass windows will throw subdued light on them while they work.

Concrete balconies have been erected at the north and south ends of the council chamber for spectators. The council floor will be for the exclusive use of council members and city officials.



## DONATIONS INCREASE JOB FUND BY \$33,782

Cleveland's community fund for relief of the jobless Friday noon reached a total of \$33,782 exclusive of \$20,000 donated previous to the fund campaign and already authorized for expenditure.

Hope of the citizens campaign committee that the fund will be swelled to \$100,000 or over is based on the fact that only 63 firms of 1100 expected to donate have so far contributed.

The remaining firms, together with hundreds of employees' organizations and individuals, are expected to mail donations Saturday or Monday.

A \$1562 donation from Concon officials and employees and a \$500 donation from the Cleveland firemen's relief association were features of Friday's fund receipts. A big stack of letters bearing checks and bills was piled in the office of the unemployment commission, 612 St. Clair-av, with every mail.

### Big Firms to Help.

These donation figures, including cash actually received and specific pledges, were announced Friday noon by J. J. Sullivan, treasurer of the fund, and Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission:

From 1140 individual donors, \$10,314.

From 63 firms, \$2238.

From 88 groups of employees, \$12,668.

From 10 banks, \$3725.

To this was added \$3285 received early in the week.

Big firms not yet heard from.

who have announced they expect to send substantial donations, include the Cleveland Hardware Co., White Co., National Screw & Tack Co., Glidden Varnish Co., and many others.

"I've been out of work five months. Last week I got a job, so I'm sending \$3," one donor wrote Burns.

### Workmen to Contribute.

A representative of workmen at the Superior Foundry Co. wrote Burns the men expected to donate if Mayor Baker and other city officials "chipped in" their day's pay. The donation from Baker and nearly all city employees is expected Saturday.

Among firms whose contributions came in Friday were: Chandler Motor Car Co., Saginaw Bay Lumber Co., Cleveland Folding Machine Co., City Ice Delivery Co., and Cohn-Goodman Co.

The citizens campaign committee met at the Hollenden Friday noon to receive reports and clean up details.

## DAY IS SET FOR MASS MEETING WHEAT PROTEST

The open meeting, called by Councilman William B. Woods, to protest against manipulation of the wheat market and rise in bread prices, will be held in the city clerk's office next Thursday, at 2 p. m.

Wheat Friday opened strong in the Chicago pit, and soared to \$1.66 1/2 a bushel, the highest point reached thus far. Last August wheat sold for 80 cents a bushel.

Flour Friday was quoted at \$9.75 a barrel.

At the meeting Thursday Woods hopes to hear from everyone who can throw any light on the problem of why, in view of the greatest crop of wheat ever harvested in this country, the price has advanced more than 100 per cent.

Councilmen Moylan, Townes and Gahn, members of a special council committee investigating another phase of the high cost of living, will visit the Union stockyards Tuesday to interview wholesale dealers on the cost of meat.

Woods will send special invitations to attend Thursday's meeting to E. M. Fairchild, president of the Cleveland Milling Co.; Charles G. Clark, of Shepard, Clark & Co.; E. J. Bailey, and H. M. Strauss of H. M. Strauss & Co., three grain brokers; Frank Knoth, president of the retail bakers association; W. H. Nussdorfer of the Ward Baking Co., and several other wholesale bakers.

## JOB BOARD PLANS IMMEDIATE WORK; GETS MORE CASH

### Subcommittee Named to Devise Means for Spending Fund.

### 100 TO BE HIRED MONDAY

### Reports on Subscriptions Still Due From 1,000 Stores and Factories.

Plans for the immediate expenditure of money donated to relieve Cleveland's unemployed were discussed yesterday by Mayor Baker's unemployment commission. Indications are that the total amount raised will not be known until next week. At least 100 men will be given work Monday with some of the money raised.

Small individual givers continue to predominate among contributors to the \$100,000 fund. With about one thousand factories and stores which asked for contribution blanks yet to be heard from nearly \$40,000 actually has been given or pledged since Monday.

Forty-six groups of employees contributed \$7,168.04, and 426 individuals sent in \$2,763.15 yesterday. Twenty-six firms gave \$1,959.25 and two banks \$525, making a total of \$12,415.44. In addition to this, seven banks have pledged \$2,700 and five groups of employees \$6,296.

### Firemen Give \$500.

Among the larger donations of the day were \$2,000 from the Sherwin-Williams Company, \$500 from city firemen, sent through Director of Public Safety Benesch, and \$1,562.58 from employees and officials of the Cleveland Railway Company. In actual cash \$23,768.16 has been received since February 1.

Employees of the Cleveland Trust Company's main office sent \$362.19 to the headquarters of the unemployment commission in Goodrich House. The bank contributed \$500. A box was also installed in the bank's lobby at E. 9th st. and Euclid ave. for the use of patrons, and \$172.90 was contributed in this way.

The campaign is by no means over. Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, declared yesterday, because hundreds of contribution blanks were asked for by a number of firms.

Only ninety-eight out of 1,100 firms which received contribution blanks had been heard from last night. Thousands of dollars are expected to come in today and other thousands are expected in Monday's mail.

Mayor Baker promised the commission yesterday that Director of Public Service Sidlo will find enough work to use at least one hundred men by Monday.

### Two Subcommittees Named.

Two subcommittees were appointed yesterday, one to confer with Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo on work the city is to furnish and the other to push to immediate completion the investigation of the status of men who have registered as destitute at the State-City Free Labor Exchange. Charles Eisenman, Miss Belle Sherwin, Thomas S. Farrell and Mr.

Burns are members of the latter committee. Reports are to be submitted to the commission at a luncheon meeting Monday.

Next Wednesday is to be designated as "public accounting day," when it is expected the results of the fund campaign will be known definitely and more specific plans for its expenditure will be made. Until such plans are completed, however, as many men as possible will be put to work in the parks and playgrounds under city supervision.

## CITY SHUTS OUT BIDS BY AWARD OF \$25,000 JOB

### Board of Control Gives Contract for Water Pipe Supply Through Subsidiary Agreement.

Competitive bidding on \$25,000 worth of piping for the waterworks division was shut out by the city board of control yesterday when it voted to give the contract to the United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Company, through a subsidiary agreement.

The Cleveland plant of the concern is closed down, but the company is now manufacturing \$75,000 worth of pipe for the city, under a former contract, at one of its Pennsylvania plants.

Director of Public Utilities Stage has not replied to Councilman Reynolds' request that steps be taken to induce the company to manufacture the pipe here, to relieve the unemployment situation.

The board also authorized a subsidiary agreement with the Bowler Foundry Company for an additional \$5,000 worth of castings and let a contract for \$20,000 worth of insulated copper wire for the municipal lighting plant to the Standard Underground Cable Company.

The city council several months ago began a probe of the board's practice of letting subsidiary agreements, shutting out competitive bidding, but the investigating committee has not reported.

After considerable wrangling the board voted to let the contract for boilers for the City hospital to the D. Connelly Company, low bidder, at \$5,800. The department of public welfare had recommended that the contract be given to the Babcock & Wilcox Company, a concern whose bid was \$96 higher.

"The impression is getting out that we are discriminating in favor of a certain type of boiler," said Director of Finance Coughlin, who urged that the contract be given to the lowest bidder.

The board authorized the purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company's interest in White City park for \$25,000. A sewage disposal plant will be built on this site.



# G. O. P. ISSUES TO BE OUTLINED AT BANQUET

Concrete Expression of Principles  
as Applied to Business Condi-  
tions Expected at Tip-  
pecanoe Club Rally.

## PRESIDENTIAL BOOM MAY BE LAUNCHED

Sullivan and Fess to Speak;  
Governor Willis and Herrick  
Unable to Attend.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Premier politics are to be played at tonight's McKinley day banquet of the Tippecanoe Club at the Hotel Statler, and a concrete expression of the fundamental Republican issues, as applied to present business and international conditions, is expected to be evolved.

Advance sales of tickets for the banquet have been unusually large and the dinner will be, without doubt, one of the big political events of the year. It is possible that a presidential boom for some Republican will be sprung; it would not be the first time that such an event has occurred at a Tippecanoe Club dinner.

Reunion of the party of William McKinley will be exemplified by the speech of John J. Sullivan. Sullivan, who has been selected to deliver the memorial address to McKinley, was a tower of strength in the Republican party that McKinley knew and later a leader in the Progressive party. He is now a Republican.

"I shall try to talk sound Republicanism," Sullivan said yesterday.

**Fess to Make Militant Speech.**

Congressman S. D. Fess, who warned the Democrats prior to the adoption of the Underwood tariff bill, in a speech in the House of Representatives, that trouble would follow its passage, will speak on a militant Republican policy. Fess, the keynote orator of the last state convention, will deliver the strictly political speech of the evening.

Members of the club were disappointed last night to learn that Governor Willis, who had been invited to be a guest of honor, will not be able to leave his duties at Columbus. James B. Ruhl, chairman of the speakers' committee of the banquet, made an especial trip to Columbus yesterday to try to change his decision, but the governor informed him that he would not be able to come to Cleveland. Another of the guests of honor, Myron T. Herrick, has informed the committee that he will be unable to be present on account of indisposition.

**Reception Committee.**

The reception committee in charge of the affair has been named by Chairman William S. Fitzgerald as follows: W. R. Austin, John A. Alburn, B. F. Bourne, Charles F. Brush, Peter Buckingham, James H. Cassidy, Henry B. Chapman, Monroe Curtis, F. C. Cowdery, Ernest S. Cook, M. G. Dalton, S. S. Ford, Harvey D. Goulder, C. A. Grasselli, Henry Horne, Rev. E. Lee Howard, John Huntington, W. R. Hopkins, F. E. Hickox, Dan R. Hanna, John G.

Jennings, S. D. Latty, W. P. Murray, Frank Matz, Samuel Mather, G. H. Olmsted, R. A. Parker, Homer G. Powell, John Rock, F. F. Sherwood, Eugene Steimer, H. Q. Sargeant, Theodore L. Strimple, Lyman H. Treadway, Willis L. Vickery, W. B. Woods, James Wood, Henry W. S. Wood, F. P. Walther, Hiland B. Wright and J. B. Zerbe.

The toastmaster is to be F. W. Treadway, and Rev. E. Lee Howard, of Painesville, will deliver the invocation.

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Third ward Democrats are in open revolt against Peter Witt, who will be presented to the precinct committeemen of the party as a mayoralty candidate next Tuesday. The Tom L. Johnson Club of the ward, at a meeting at 6702 Madison avenue last night, appointed a committee to try to organize in every precinct for the coming mayoralty campaign and to present to Charles P. Salen petitions containing 3,714 names, urging him to be a candidate for mayor. The committee consists of Joseph Graham, George R. Faeron, T. A. Masterson, Dr. Caspar Schmidt, Michael Barrett and others.

Witt was indorsed for mayor last night at a meeting of the Tenth Ward Baker Club.

# STANLEY OBJECTS TO STOLTE'S PLAN

Opposes Purchase of Motor  
Busses to Test Need of E.  
30th Street Line.

Cleveland railway officials will oppose Councilman Stolte's proposal to operate motor busses on E. 30th st. to determine whether an additional cross-town car line is needed. The resolution is now pending before the city council.

"We would have to buy a dozen additional busses," said President Stanley yesterday. "I don't think that the council will approve the Stolte resolution." Motor busses are now operated on Noble and Pearl roads.

The company will ask the council Monday night to authorize the laying of an additional track on Clark ave. between W. 65th st. and W. 73d st. and on W. 73d st. between Clark and Denison aves. The single track now in use is inadequate during rush hours, according to Street Railway Commissioner Witt.

# MASCHKE DECLINES TO BOOST HARMONY

Won't Serve on G. O. P. Com-  
mittee Because He's Com-  
mitted to Davis.

Willis May Attend McKinley  
Day Banquet, Herrick  
Cancels Dates.

Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke yesterday indicated that he would not participate in the get-together movement of Republican leaders on the mayoralty situation launched by the League of Republican Clubs Thursday night.

At a special meeting Thursday night President John Braschwitz appointed James B. Ruhl, William P. Leech, Mr. Maschke, Cornelius Maloney and Jonathan Evans as a committee to establish party harmony and unite the factions on a candidate for mayor.

Although Mr. Maschke indicated yesterday he will not serve on this committee, he expressed approval of the plan to unite the party. He has declared for Harry L. Davis for mayoralty candidate.

"Every one who is anxious for the defeat of the Democrats next fall must desire that opposition be united," said Mr. Maschke. "Still, as a supporter of one of the two Republican candidates, I fail to see what service I could render on the proposed committee."

Crystallization of sentiment of party workers was forecasted yesterday by reports that plans are under way for a meeting of Republican precinct committeemen.

The date of the proposed meeting has not been set, but it is understood organization leaders are planning on Feb. 20.

That the mayoralty situation will be discussed by the 469 precinct committeemen was admitted yesterday. In this way only, it was said, can a fair estimate of the organization sentiment be ascertained.

Mayoralty aspirations of Attorney Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis will be given consideration and one of these, it was said, will be indorsed.

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Nearly 300 Republicans will gather at Hotel Statler at 8 o'clock tonight for the annual McKinley Day banquet of the Tippecanoe club.

Gov. Frank B. Willis and Col. Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, were to be guests of honor, according to the original plan of the club. Col. Herrick, however, will not be present. His illness has made it necessary for him to leave Cleveland for the south for an indefinite stay and he has canceled all speaking engagements.

Fears were expressed yesterday by club officials that Gov. Willis might not be able to attend. In a letter to the club yesterday, the governor said he would be present, if possible, but Attorney James B. Ruhl was dispatched to Columbus at once in an effort to insure the attendance of the governor.

Former Lieut. Gov. F. W. Treadway will be toastmaster and probably will speak in place of Col. Herrick. The memorial address will be delivered by Attorney John J. Sullivan. Congressman S. D. Fess will speak on "A Militant Republican Party." Rev. E. Lee Howard of Painesville will deliver the invocation.

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# JOB FUND REACHES \$29,768.16 TOTAL

Receipts Yesterday Amount  
to \$12,915.44 and More  
is Coming.

One Hundred Men Are to Be-  
gin Work on Parks  
Monday.

Contributions received yesterday for the \$100,000 unemployment fund totaled \$12,915.44 at 5 p. m. This added to amounts received Wednesday and Thursday brought the total to \$29,768.16.

At 5 p. m. it was known that approximately \$10,000 would come from nine establishments and that 1,000 other establishments that had asked for "share a day's earnings" blanks had not been heard from.

No money has been received from the big retail stores, automobile manufacturers, city hall employes and perhaps 900 diversified industries, from which it is known contributions will come.

These facts assure the citizens' committee and the unemployment commission that thousands of dollars are still to flow into the fund.

**Plan Use of Fund.**

While a force of workers was busy at the Goodrich house, 612 St. Clair-av N. E., opening letters containing remittances and adding and classifying them, members of the commission and the citizens' committee were in conference at The Hollenden making initial plans to utilize the money at the earliest possible date.

It is likely 100 deserving, destitute unemployed men will be put to work Monday morning, but not until Wednesday will the complete plan for putting the money to use be ready for the commission's approval.

At 5 p. m. these contributions had been received and counted at Goodrich house:

426 individual givers	\$2,763.15
46 groups of employes	7,168.04
26 firms	1,959.25
3 banks	1,025.00
Total	\$12,915.44

Among the larger contributions received yesterday were:

Sherwin-Williams Co., employers and employes, \$2,000; employes of the Cleveland Railway Co., including a gift from Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt, \$1,562.58; city firemen, \$500; Cleveland Trust Co., \$500; main office employes of the Cleveland Trust Co., \$362.19.

Among the hundreds of other contributors were Miss Katherine L. Mather, employes of the Cleveland Hardware Co., J. Angell Bott, employes of the John F. Casey Co., parishioners of Trinity Episcopal cathedral, Ralph King, Mrs. M. T. Silver, C. K. Sunshine, Rev. C. H. LeBlonde, Rev. E. H. Tippet, Rev. W. W. Bustard, Rev. A. B. Meldrum, Councilman J. F. Durkin and Mayo Fessler.

Dr. H. J. Gerstenberger sent a type-written message stating that he "is unable to use his right arm at present, so will send a check in a few days." One contribution came from Ulrichsville, O. Patrons of the Cleveland Trust Co. had dropped \$172.90 in a receiver at the bank's central



office, Euclid-av and E. 9th-st.

While members of the commission were in conference yesterday, word was received that three of the largest manufacturing concerns in Cleveland had sent to headquarters, Goodrich house, for extra consignments of sharing blanks. This is only one of the evidences that thousands of dollars more will come in.

"It is evident that it will possibly be Monday or Tuesday before hundreds of firms report for themselves and for their employees," Mr. Goff

said. "In the meantime it is essential the public be impressed that the campaign still is on."

Mr. Goff acted on suggestions from his commissioners and set Wednesday for the time of the first public accounting.

Mayor Newton D. Baker was summoned to The Hollenden at 2:30 p. m. to discuss with Mr. Goff and others how the money can best be used with immediate results for the unemployed.

Before agreeing upon a line of action, Mr. Baker and Mr. Goff had an understanding that however the money is used, it will in no way take weight from the city administration's financial burden. Men will be employed for park and playground work by the commission, through the state-city free employment bureau. The work will be supervised by city foremen and payment for work done will be met from the fund by Col. J. J. Sullivan, treasurer of the commission.

This agreement was reached by the mayor and Mr. Goff.

The mayor and Service Director Tom L. Sidlo will endeavor to find work for at least 100 men Monday morning.

Monday the mayor and Mr. Sidlo will present a list of park improvements that the city would be financially unable to undertake for some years.

A subcommittee of the commission will then go over the mayor's and director's report and will make a recommendation to the commission at a meeting Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the state-city bureau assisted by settlement workers and another subcommittee from the commission will complete an investigation of the men who appear to need work most. On this committee are Charles Eisenman, Secretary Thomas Farrell of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, Miss Belle Sherwin and Allen T. Burns.

On the committee that is to act on the report received from the mayor and Director Sidlo are Mr. Goff, Miss Sherwin, Mr. Burns, Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee; Mr. Farrell and Mr. Eisenman.

Col. Sullivan reported to the commission yesterday that of approximately \$20,000 contributed to the commission previous to the opening of the share-a-day's earnings campaign, he has to date expended \$3,000 in giving men work on public improvements.

Thomas Gibbons, vice president of the Ohio Minimum Wage league, yesterday sent to each member of the mayor's unemployment commission a copy of an editorial on the unemployment question which he wrote for the Cleveland Citizen, labor newspaper. The editorial reads:

The accumulated store of wealth is vastly more than enough for all of us, and all we ask is that we be given enough of that store to sustain our lives.

There are jobs enough for all of us, and the problem is not so much that of making new jobs as of dividing among us those we have.

It will be said, of course, that your work is to provide immediate relief, and not to find a cure for unemployment. If this is your only object, you may as well cease your labors, for nothing seems more futile than to try to sweep back the ocean of poverty with the broom of charity. If you are in earnest in an endeavor to do something useful and enduring permit us to point out how near to your hands lie the means.

Help establish the minimum wage for the employees of the city of Cleveland. Make that minimum bear a fair relation to the cost of living. The results that would flow from this action on the part of the city would be valuable immediately in influencing private employers and ultimately in influencing the passage of the universal minimum wage law.

## COUNCIL PROPOSES BREAD PRICE QUIZ

Committee Will Begin Taking  
Testimony Thursday  
Afternoon.

Milk Supply to be Investigated as Meat Query Proceeds.

An inquiry into the rise of bread prices will be commenced by the council committee on legislation at a meeting in the city council chamber Thursday afternoon at 2. The meeting was announced yesterday by Chairman W. B. Woods.

In taking up the bread situation the committee will look into the recent advance in wheat prices. Citizens in touch with market conditions will testify.

The special council committee investigating meat prices will visit the stock yard Tuesday. Councilman David Moylan is chairman of this committee.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald is planning an investigation of the city milk inspection bureau. The investigation will determine whether the system is adequate.

In the face of continued predictions of milling men and flour dealers that top prices of wheat and flour will force increases in bread prices the large loaves sold at usual prices yesterday.

According to customers of the large companies no notice of an increase in price has been sent out. Few of the large companies have reduced weights, according to City Sealer of Weights and Measures W. Q. Radcliffe, although restaurant men claim the size of rolls has been reduced.

Flour yesterday sold for \$9.75 a barrel, while wheat in the Chicago pit went to \$1.66 7-8 a bushel.

The present high price of wheat is not caused by speculation, but is due to natural operation of the law of supply and demand, according to opinion expressed yesterday by C. A. Smith of the internal revenue department. Mr. Smith may be asked to aid the committee in its investigation.

While the American wheat crop this year was 911,000,000 bushels, the largest ever known, there were great decreases in the productions in European countries generally, and in fact all over the world, Mr. Smith says, and these foreign shortages made it apparent even before the war began that America would be called upon to export an unusually large proportion of the wheat crop.

## TENEMENT CODE VICIOUS ATTACK ON POOR PEOPLE

—McGinty

Councilman Will Lead Fight  
on Measure, Helped by  
President Thompson.

Thousands of poor families will be evicted from their homes and left without means of housing if Mayor Baker's tenement house code is passed by council. Councilman McGinty charged Saturday. He made plans for a bitter fight in council Monday night, when the ordinance comes up for final action. He characterizes it "a vicious measure."

The Chamber of Commerce legislative committee drew the proposed ordinance and sent it to Mayor Baker for introduction in council a year ago. Since then council committees have fought over the ordinance and forced a number of changes.

### Calls Measure Vicious.

Among other things McGinty calls "vicious" is a provision which will require every building occupied by more than two families to be remodeled. This section, McGinty said, will cause the eviction of thousands of poor families in his ward. People now living in old buildings downtown will be forced to move, because permission to remodel any frame dwellings or tenements within the fire district cannot be given under the building code.

"There are people living in tenement houses at a small monthly rental," McGinty said. "They are working people with only small wages and big families. They are paying all the rent they can afford. This ordinance will throw them right out into the street, but it makes no provision to care for them thereafter. They will have no place to go because they can't afford to pay the rent demanded for up-to-date flats."

### Register to Help Collections.

"The ordinance is wrong in saying that all buildings heretofore erected

shall be made to comply with the new ordinance. It will affect every building in Cleveland in which more than two families live. The buildings affected were erected in accordance with the law at the time. But if we are going to make new laws every day and then tell the people they will have to make changes we will soon have a pretty mess here."

The ordinance also provides for the licensing of all tenement houses or buildings in which more than two families live. Tenants of houses not licensed are subject to a penalty of \$25 to \$500.

McGinty charged this licensing provision was inserted by those who wish to keep track of debtors. Before a family moves into a tenement inquiry must first be made at the license bureau to ascertain if the building into which one intends moving is licensed. Records will be kept of names and old and new addresses.

The ordinance provides that all buildings occupied by more than two families shall be kept open for inspection by sanitary police at all

times. It puts every apartment-house in Cleveland in the tenement house class, and according to McGinty there are few buildings which comply with the ordinance.

McGinty also attacked the constitutionality of the ordinance and asked Law Director Stockwell to give an opinion on it. McGinty's fight against the passage of the ordinance Monday night will be supported by President Thompson.

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# **JOB FUND REACHES TOTAL OF \$60,157**

Share a Day's Pay Contributions Continue to Arrive at Headquarters.

Officials Report 80 Per Cent. of Promised Money Yet to Come In.

Contributions of \$9,740.96 yesterday afternoon brought the total of the unemployment commission's job-making fund up to \$60,157.62.

At least 80 per cent. of business establishments that have guaranteed gifts from themselves and from their employees are still to be heard from.

\$100,000 is the sum hoped for. Yesterday's contributions were classified as follows:

145 individual givers	\$1,815.28
58 groups of employees	\$7,028.88
13 firms	\$ 796.80
One bank	\$ 100.00

Total .....\$9,740.96

Adding the day's total to the \$39,509.12 already received and to the \$20,648.50, which came unsolicited to the commission before the "share a day's earnings" campaign was determined upon, there is now \$60,157.62 in the hands of the commission. Also approximately \$6,600 is pledged that has not yet reached headquarters, 612 St. Clair-av N. E.

## **Expects Pay Day Gifts.**

Because yesterday was pay day in many establishments, the commission expects tomorrow morning's mail to bring in hundreds of belated sharings. At 10 a. m. tomorrow Chairman F. H. Goff of the commission, Victor Sincere, W. H. Prescott, Samuel Halle, Charles Eisenman and other members of the commission will spend two hours on the telephone urging those who have not reported by that time to hurry their contributions in order that the first public accounting may be made Wednesday noon.

Two hundred men will be put to work on half time jobs tomorrow

morning. This number will bring the total of men being paid out of the fund up to 750. The 200 who go to work tomorrow morning will be distributed as follows:

Forest City park, widening creek, twenty-five; Union-av S. E. and E. 110th-st, grading new allotment for continuance of East boulevard, twenty-five; Washington park lake, twenty-five; Edgewater park, smoothing down two knolls and filling in a gully, fifty; Garfield park, grading, fifty; Ambler park lake, twenty-five.

At the meeting Wednesday the commission will be ready to consider other projects recommended by Mayor Newton D. Baker and Service Director Tom L. Sidlo, which the city could not attempt for a year or two.

Business men on the commission are to put their social investigators to work with settlement workers to complete an investigation to the end that only the most destitute unemployed will get jobs. This and all campaign expenses are to be borne by members of the commission, so that

the entire fund may be devoted to giving work.

Among the gifts received yesterday were those from William G. Mather, the management and employees of the Colonial hotel, employers and employees of the H. Black Co., employers and employees of the Bailey Co., of the Higbee Co., of Scott-Griggs Co., of N. O. Stone Co., of the William Taylor & Son Co., of the Plain Dealer Publishing Co., of the White Sewing Machine Co.

Senator Theodore Burton wrote from Washington to know if it was too late for him to share: that he

had just had his attention called to the fact Thursday was "share a day's earnings day." A school teacher sent \$5.26 which she said was the daily wage she received from the board of education. The Arcadia Dancing academy was another donor.

The women's work room was moved yesterday from its old quarters in city hall to the second floor of the Kinney & Levan building. An increasing number of women employed necessitated the change. According to Mrs. Rufus Ranney, plenty of sewing is being provided for women.

## **WOULD RAZE UNFIT HOMES**

City Law Director Wants Sanitary Code Enforced.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell may decide that the city under its police powers can enforce the section of the proposed tenement code which Councilman J. J. McGinty contends would permit the building and sanitation divisions to force the razing of thousands of houses in the thickly settled sections of the city. This section of the code will be fought by Councilman McGinty at tomorrow night's council meeting.

"I am not sure that the section is retroactive as some people contend," said Director Stockwell yesterday. "It merely authorizes departments to do the sort of things that cities have been doing for years under their police power."

"If a building is unsafe, or, if it endangers human life because of its unsanitary condition we declare it unfit for occupancy."

# **ANSWERS M'GINTY ON TENEMENT CODE**

T. C. Wellsted Says Councilman Has Not Been Specific in Objections.

Ordinance Probably Will Pass Tonight, is Prediction.

Councilman James J. McGinty's objections to portions of the pending tenement code were met yesterday by T. C. Wellsted, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce committee which drafted the code, with views supporting the provisions opposed by the councilman.

Mr. McGinty will try to block the ordinance if it comes up for final passage in council tonight. It could be given a final hearing this evening by suspension of the rules. The fact that the council committee of the whole has approved the measure led to predictions yesterday that it will pass.

"Mr. McGinty objects to provisions in the third article of the code for compulsory alteration of tenement houses as they now exist to meet certain requirements," said Mr. Wellsted. "One requirement is that if a tenement house occupies, with other buildings, such as sheds and out-houses, more than 60 per cent. of a lot, or more than 85 per cent. in case of a corner lot, the sheds and out-houses must be torn down. Mr. McGinty has not been specific in his objections to this feature. He has said some families use sheds for their coal, and that if the sheds were gone they would have no place to keep their fuel. But he doesn't point out many definite instances."

"This article also provides that no room without a window opening directly to the outer air or upon a court of prescribed size shall be occupied for living purposes. We feel no one should be permitted to live in a room that has no window opening to the air. Whether we are right is for council to decide. This provision would necessitate changes in a number of places in the city."

"Mr. McGinty objects to a part of the article on maintenance of tenement houses, which provides no lodging house shall be maintained in a tenement house. We do not think families living in tenements should have to come into continual contact with transient lodgers."

"We consider it necessary to include provisions for the compulsory alteration of existing buildings, because omission of such provisions would foster maintenance of old buildings and discourage erection of new ones. We feel Mr. McGinty's objections are discounted by the practical difficulties that would be encountered if we did not include present as well as future buildings in the code."

The finance committee of council is to meet this afternoon to consider the appropriation of \$15,000 for a continuous and independent audit of city books. Some councilmen are inclined to oppose use of this amount in full for the purpose.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald is to have a resolution tonight asking an investigation of the food inspection division of the health department. Not enough dairy inspections have been made, it has been charged. Health department officials say the demand for inspectors because of the foot and mouth disease epidemic crippled them temporarily.

Councilman FitzGerald also is to introduce a resolution demanding that an immediate start be made on sewage disposal plants to prevent pollution of the Cuyahoga river, as ordered by the state board of health.

# **WILL PUT 200 MEN INTO PARKS TODAY**

Unemployed Commission to Utilize Part of \$60,000 Fund Gathered.

Firms Not Reporting in Wage Campaign to be Reminded.

Happiness will replace dejection in 200 Cleveland homes today when that number of men will be put to work on half time jobs in the city's parks, work made possible by the share-a-day's earnings campaign.

This will bring to 750 the total number of men put to work. It is planned to give at least 2,000 men half time jobs for several months. Over \$60,000 has been received by the unemployment commission. The campaign officials hope to get \$100,000.

This morning members of the commission will telephone every establishment that has received blanks for a share-a-day's earnings campaign and which has made no returns. Each will be asked to turn in blanks and contributions immediately.

A subcommittee composed of Charles Eisenmann, Miss Belle Sherwin and representatives of the Alta, Hiram and Goodrich houses; West Side cottage, East End Neighborhood home, Memorial institute, Central Friendly inn, Jewish Educational alliance, Federation of Jewish Charities, Associated Charities and Federation for Charity and Philanthropy will meet in Mr. Eisenmann's office to select the most destitute and needy for immediate jobs.

This committee, with Allen T. Burns, Charles E. Adams, F. H. Goff and Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, will meet later in the day with Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo to determine how many jobs are available. These arrangements will be made to employ men:

The name and address of each man given a job will be taken by the job commission. He will be given a card to the foreman of the park gang with which he will work, designated by Director Sidlo. The cards will be returned to Mr. Sidlo and will be used by him in making out a separate payroll.

This payroll each week will be sent to the commission where it will be checked off with the names of the men sent to jobs by the commission. If it tallies correctly a check will be made out to the city of Cleveland covering the amount of the payroll.

It is expected many returns will be made today from factories and mercantile establishments having pay days Saturday, Mr. Burns said yesterday.

## **WANTS LONG BUS ROUTE**

Councilman Suggests Euclid-av to East City Limits.

Euclid-av from E. 9th-st to the east city limits will be the route of the Cleveland Railway Co.'s three motor busses, instead of E. 30th-st as proposed, or Noble-rd, East Cleveland, and Pearl-rd S. W., as at present, if a plan to be urged by Member J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on street railways is adopted by city council tonight.

If the plan is agreed to by the committee a substitute resolution will be offered in council. The Stolte resolution in council at the last meeting directed the busses be transferred from the Noble-rd and Pearl-rd routes to E. 30th-st.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo believes that Euclid-av from the Public square to East Cleveland would be a suitable place for a thorough trial of the motor bus idea. He believes a 10-cent fare could be charged for the trip.



# ROBERTS CALLS COUNCIL FOE OF SMOKE BUREAU

Retiring Commissioner Declares  
Work of Abatement Is Un-  
popular at City Hall; Urges  
Citizens' Board.

COURT FAILS TO GIVE  
ASSISTANCE, HE SAYS

1.2 Per Cent of Violations Pros-  
ecuted, Report Shows; Urges  
Aroused Public Spirit.

Criticism of council members for their unfriendly attitude toward the division of smoke inspection, is Smoke Commissioner Roberts' parting shot at the city administration. According to the report of the retiring commissioner issued yesterday, the most serious obstacle in the path of smoke abatement is the unpopularity of this work at the city hall.

The reason for this, according to the report, is that under Roberts' direction the task of smoke elimination has been carried on regardless of whom it hit.

Although Roberts tendered his resignation to take effect Feb. 1, after his appropriation had been cut, he says he laid plans for resigning early in 1914.

## Smoke Losses Reduced.

The report points out that smoke losses have been reduced 20 per cent by the division of inspection in the past year and a half and damages cut from \$6,000,000 in 1910, to \$4,300,000. Roberts urges more adequate court action after violators have been warned by the division and police prosecutors.

A real demand for smoke abatement on the part of the general public is the most important requirement to make the work a success, the report says. The appointment of a commission or committee to familiarize itself with policies and methods of the division and to state its findings to the public is urged.

## Tells of Obstacles.

Roberts' report is a voluminous one, covering forty typewritten pages. He analyzes the results obtained and sets forth obstacles encountered in the enforcement of the smoke ordinance. It is accompanied by sample reports of inspectors and smoke readings.

Warrants for violations of the ordinance are followed by complaints to the mayor, director of public safety and councilmen. Naturally few persons know what is and what is not a violation, the report says.

Officials do not enjoy receiving complaints and this explains that unpopularity of the office at the city hall, the retiring commissioner says.

"At its best it is a thankless and unpopular work and must have public opinion back of it in order to obtain the degree and rate of progress which its importance justifies," says the commissioner.

Relative to what has been accomplished the statement is made that from 1912 to 1914 plans for approximately 100,000 boiler horse-power had been passed on. The passing on of plans for new and reconstructed plants and this explains the unpopu-

tant and lasting duties of the office.

## Only 1.2 Per Cent of Cases Prosecuted

If an adequate inspection of plants is continued for eight or ten years practically all of the boiler plants in the city will be fairly well designed to operate, with reasonable care, without excessive smoke.

The report states that violations for 1914 were 917 out of 4,748 readings and only 1.2 per cent reached the courts. The golden rule policy in the commissioner's office and at the police prosecutor's office produce results, but that there should be adequate action when an offender is brought into court.

Showing the leniency exercised by the municipal court the report states that out of eleven cases tried in 1914 there were three different cases against the same party. Court action has not been of any assistance," says the report.

## Railroads Co-Operating.

Railroads have continued to co-operate in smoke abatement, it is claimed, and employ thirteen men to supervise smoke from locomotives.

Discussing damage done by smoke the report says:

"In 1910 the Chamber of Commerce smoke prevention committee estimated this loss at \$6,000,000. A total of 3,340,133 tons of bituminous coal was used in Cleveland during the past year. Estimating the damage at \$1.25 per ton smoke losses amounted to \$4,300,000.

# COUNCIL TO BE URGED TO PUSH SEWAGE PLANTS

Member FitzGerald Will Call  
Attention to the Threatened  
\$500 Penalty by State  
for Delay.

Immediate start upon the sewage disposal plants ordered by the state board of health to prevent the pollution of the Cuyahoga river will be demanded in a resolution by Councilman FitzGerald at tonight's meeting of council.

Councilmen each face a \$500 penalty if the order is not complied with by July 1. Executive officers say that this will be impossible, although the order was issued almost three years ago.

Contracts have been let for both the proposed disposal plant in Newburg Heights and at W. 58th st., but the work is at a standstill at both places. The work on the West Side is being held up while the city negotiates with the Pennsylvania railroad for a site.

Newburg Heights village officials are placing obstacles in the way of constructing sewers through the streets of the village. Sanitary Engineer Pratt also says that it is the wrong time of the year to start excavation work there.

The two plants, with the one planned for the White City park site along the easterly lake front, will cost \$2,000,000.

"I would like to know why engineers are delaying this work when city officials face a penalty for not complying with the board's order and when there are so many men out of work," said FitzGerald yesterday.

The proposed code for the regulation of tenement house is expected to stir up considerable discussion at the council meeting. Councilman McInty objects to sections which make the code apply to present buildings

# MAYOR, WHY DON'T YOU GO HIGHER UP?--BUSTARD

In his sermon last night on "Riding Cleveland of the Devil," Rev. Dr. Bustard referred to the attack upon Leader circulation men by Plain Dealer gangsters, when one of the gangsters was shot and killed, as one of the most atrocious crimes the county has witnessed in a long time.

He read an extract from the Plain Dealer, quoting Mayor Baker as saying he would "go to the top to place the blame for the affair."

"I want to know, Mayor Baker," he said, "why you don't go to the top. You have to walk only 150 yards to get there."

He declared that if he were to say what he thought of the affair, he would be accused of being unduly excited. "Let me read you what one of the papers said of the affair, then tell me if I could have put it stronger."

He then read an editorial from The Leader of the day following the verdict.

"When one of the papers said that the trial, with the testimony of six perjured witnesses written in it, was one of the greatest blots on the history of the county, it was right," said Dr. Bustard.

"If I were to give a boy a snowball and pay him a penny to go up to that Methodist church on Euclid avenue, which is taking all my patronage away from me, and tell him to break a window in the church with the snowball, I would be just as much in the right as the newspaper which instigated a riot out of which came murder.

"If we are to drive out the devil by cleaning up Cleveland, the newspapers should begin to clean up first."

and will wage a vigorous fight against this provision. He will be aided in this by Councilman Horrigan and President Thompson.

The street railway committee at a meeting this afternoon is expected to report adversely upon Councilman Stolte's proposal to have motor busses operated on E. 80th st. Stolte maintains that the Cleveland Railway

Company should test out busses there to determine whether a cross-town car line is needed.

An investigation of the alleged laxity of milk inspectors in the division of health will be asked by Councilman FitzGerald. He says that inspectors are not now visiting all dairy farms in northern Ohio, supplying the city with milk.



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## 757 GIVEN WORK IN CITY'S PARKS

### CITY TO HELP IDLE BY KEEPING WALKS CLEAR

Commencing Feb. 10, Cleveland householders must have their sidewalks cleaned of snow before 9 a. m. or one of the city's army of the unemployed will be sent out to do the work at the citizen's expense.

That was the notice issued Saturday by Server Sidlo. Police will report violations and men will be sent from the state-city employment bureau.

Cleveland's relief fund for the jobless Monday was paying wages of 757 men at work in several parks. By the end of the week the number given employment will reach 2000.

Server Sidlo was to confer late Monday with the unemployment commission's job committee on what further public work will be done with the fund.

Whether part of the fund will be used to pay for tearing down old buildings at White City site, for the sewage disposal station, and for building of manurebins over the city as a part of the fly extermination crusade, was to be decided Monday.

Sidlo favors use of the fund for such work. Several commissioners are opposed to it.

Secretary Allen T. Burns of the commission said the relief fund stood Monday noon at \$63,219, and that \$6600 more had been pledged.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, Monday proposed to Mayor Baker that the city use available funds and borrow money to relieve the jobless if the relief fund is found inadequate.

"I would favor such a course only in emergency," Baker said.

## COUNCILMAN TO PAY? JUDGE REMITS COSTS

Mike Lukacsko, twenty-two, clerk, who lives at the home of Councilman J. J. McGinty, 2741 Commercial-rd, pleaded guilty in police court Monday to intoxication.

"The costs," said Judge Kramer Councilman McGinty, who was sitting in the prosecutor's chair, jumped to his feet. "I'll pay it," he said.

Judge Kramer thereupon recalled Lukacsko and said: "I'll make the sentence \$25 and costs, but will suspend it."

McGinty shoved his money back in his pocket and left the court with Lukacsko.

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## CODE WILL GIVE CITY FULL SWAY OVER TENEMENT

Practically unlimited control over every building tenanted by three or more families is placed in the hands of Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation, and Virgil D. Allen, city building commissioner, by the proposed tenement code now before council.

Chances of the code being adopted by council are favorable, despite the fact that portions of it are being fought by William F. Thompson, council president, and Councilmen McGinty and Horrigan.

The code is the result of three years of work by the chamber of commerce housing committee and went to council a year ago.

Here are big features of the code:

Every tenement must have back and front yards and a side yard, five feet wide, unless the back yard can be reached from the street.

Only firstclass tenements can be as high as ten stories, while those of a cheaper type can be only two stories.

Owners or lessees of tenements must get a license from the city building department; application for this license must be sanctioned by the sanitation bureau.

The chief of the sanitation bureau may enter tenement houses and inspect them at any reasonable hour.

All sleeping rooms must contain 500 cubic feet of air space for each adult, and 300 cubic feet for each child under twelve.

No basement room shall be occupied for living purposes.

Cellars must be whitewashed or painted a light color.

Not more than 50 per cent of a lot can be occupied by a tenement unless it is a corner lot, when 85 per cent of the lot can be occupied.

Tenements now erected cannot be continued in use unless they conform to practically all the new regulations. It is this feature McGinty is fighting.

A final provision says no horses, cows, calves, swine, goats or fowls shall be kept in tenements or within 25 feet of a tenement.

## FITZGERALD TO URGE HASTE ON SEWAGE PLANTS

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# DEMOCRATS GET CHILLY ON EVE OF WITT'S BOW

Very Little 'Enthusiasm' Bubbling Among Precinct Captains Who Must Accept Him as Candidate.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

All was not as peaceful among the Democrats yesterday, on the eve of the meeting of precinct captains tonight to welcome Peter Witt to their bosoms as a mayoralty candidate, as the prospectus would indicate.

While so far almost all of the Democratic leaders have been induced to be openly for Witt, under the surface a good deal of intriguing came to light. John M. Sulzman, who had been expected to quit as a candidate in advance of the meeting, was still in the race last night and overtures were passing between some of his backers and some of the insistent boomers for County Clerk D. B. Haserodt looking to a coalition of forces.

How far this movement has gone could not be definitely determined. It was heard in many offices in the courthouse and some went so far as to say that if Sulzman withdrew, his friends would be first for Haserodt. If he would run, and then for a Republican before lining up for Witt.

## Refuses to Talk.

Haserodt absolutely refused to discuss the overtures in any way, but his close friends asserted that so far he had failed to yield to them.

That Sulzman is to step out of the race after the committeemen endorse Witt tonight is expected by many. It is said his decision will be announced sometime tomorrow.

"I have canvassed the situation thoroughly, and I feel that it would be wrong for me to disregard the men who have backed my candidacy," Sulzman said.

"Under no circumstances will I say now I am not in the fight."

With the open insurgency of the Sulzman faction, the threat of Charles P. Salen's friends to put him in the race, and the notorious coolness of many county officials toward Witt, the meeting tonight is expected to be interesting. The rigid discipline of the Democratic organization will, it is thought, prevent any open breaks.

## Bulkley Must Speak.

Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, who has not been friendly with Witt's chief sponsors, has been called back from Washington to walk the plank of party discipline and he will be one of the speakers tonight. Haserodt will be the chairman and is not expected to make a speech. Mayor Baker and Witt are to be the speakers.

Witt said last night that he did not know what he was going to talk about and many wondered if he intended to duplicate the single tax speech he made on Sunday before the Independent Aid Society.

Judge Walter D. Meals today becomes the presiding judge of the court of appeals in the place of Judge Louis M. Winch, who retired yesterday to engage in private law practice. Judge A. G. Carpenter will take his place on the bench this morning.

Judge Winch closed his career of twelve years on the appeals bench, part of them as chief justice of the circuit court of Ohio, by packing up and moving his papers to his new office at 830 Cuyahoga building. The

Judge received a number of callers yesterday afternoon, who expressed their deep regret at his retirement from office.

Republican precinct committeemen are to be called together to take action on the mayoralty situation February 20, according to plans yesterday. Chairman George B. Harris is to issue the call to further wishes of Harry L. Davis as a candidate, it is understood.

Governor Willis yesterday received a letter from James B. Ruhl, who was appointed state superintendent of insurance, declining to take the position at \$4,500, the salary which it is thought will be fixed by the legislature. Ruhl assured the Governor of his continued friendship and thanked him for the recognition.

The Civic League yesterday was sued for \$100,000 damages for alleged libel by William F. Staniforth, 10510 Cedar ave. Staniforth claimed so much damage had been done to his reputation by the "bulletin" issued by the league during his candidacy for the state Senate.

Senator Burton has agreed to come home and speak before the Independent Aid Society, March 7.

Lakewood Republican precinct captains meet tonight at the home of Chairman Burt A. Miller to plan for the Lincoln banquet Friday night at the Lakewood Methodist church.

# SALE OF UNUSED STREET RAILWAY LAND PROPOSED

Councilman Koch Would Have All Property Not Needed for Operating Purposes Disposed Of.

## NEW STATION ON DENISON AVENUE NOW PLANNED

Committee Against 30th Street Busses—Call for Fender Report Approved.

Sale of all land of the Cleveland Railway Company not needed for operating purposes was proposed in a resolution introduced in the city council last night by Councilman Koch, chairman of the committee on street railways.

The resolution called for a report from the street railway commissioner on the number of parcels of land owned by the company not needed in the operation of the road, the estimated value and the feasibility of disposing of the land at once.

Action followed a meeting of the street railway committee in the afternoon, at which it was decided to approve the company's application to purchase nineteen acres of land at Denison ave. and W. 73d st. for \$60,000.

## Operating Station Planned.

The company wants to erect an operating station there. When this is done it will abandon the Holmden ave. barns.

Councilmen Stolte and Reynolds urged that the company be required to dispose of land not needed for operating purposes before being given permission to purchase additional property.

The committee reported adversely upon the Stolte ordinance to require the street railway company to operate motor busses on E. 30th st. before proceeding with the building of a cross-town line there. Street Railway Commissioner Witt said that at least a dozen additional busses would be needed. Witt also declared impractical Councilman Reynolds' suggestion that busses be operated on Euclid ave.

## Must Wait for Subway Plans.

City Engineer Hoffmann reported to the committee that plans for service tubes in Euclid ave. for public utility wires and pipes could not be prepared until detailed plans of the proposed traffic subways had been submitted.

After considerable debate the committee voted to approve the Meyers resolution calling for a report from the street railway commissioner as to whether fenders on interurban cars complied with city ordinances.

# PLAN FOR 3 DAYS WORK A WEEK IS PUT UNDER WAY

Unemployment Commission Reports That Relief Fund, With Pledges, Now Totals \$71,308.13.

Members of the mayor's unemployment commission yesterday set machinery in motion to give immediate work for three days a week to several thousand destitute unemployed men. The expense is to be taken out of the relief fund now being raised by the commission.

With \$20,648 on hand when the campaign started, the fund last night had reached a total of \$64,706.13. Pledges from eight sources insure an additional \$6,600, bringing the present total up to \$71,308.13.

Forty-three groups of employees yesterday contributed \$4,011.86. Seventy-two individuals sent in \$363.65 and four firms gave \$175.50. Thus far returns have been received from 1,447 individuals, 199 groups of employees and 105 firms.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, and Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee, which is raising the fund, yesterday headed a telephone corps which called nearly 800 factories yet to be heard from.

Members of the employment commission at the noon meeting yesterday expressed the opinion that the fund should be used only for the relief of destitute unemployed men who have families dependent on them.

In the face of this declaration, the Associated Charities has asked that forty-four men living at 5510 Herman ave. be given work. These men, boarders in the family of John Aron, investigators say, have been living for five months on food provided by Victoria Aron, nineteen years old, the only member of the family who has been able to find employment.

Officials of the State-City Free Labor Exchange said last night that an investigator of the bureau was looking into the case, and if facts were as reported by the Associated Charities, the names of the men would be certified to the unemployment commission.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission, declared that even if the commission they could not be given names of these men, who have no dependents, were certified to the work.

"Nothing can be done for single men until the men with families have been provided for," Burns said.

Representatives of more than a score of charitable organizations and social settlements yesterday conferred with members of the unemployment commission in the office of

Charles Eisenman, head of the Jewish charities.

Social workers pledged themselves to at once commence the task of investigating the conditions in the homes of the men who have registered at the free employment bureau as destitute and having dependents. Several hundred of these will be reported on tomorrow at a meeting of the commission.

This morning, a subcommittee of the commission will confer with Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo as to how many men are to be employed on park and playground work and where they are to be used.



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# COUNCIL INFORMED OF TUNNEL DAMAGE

Driving of Piling on Clark Ave. Bridge Causes Partial Collapse of  
Brickwork—City to Control Employment Agencies.

Driving of piling at the Clark ave. bridge has caused the partial collapse of the brick tunnel carrying water mains under the Cuyahoga river, council learned last night in a report from the division of purchases and supplies.

Water mains must be removed while the tunnel is rebuilt and work on the bridge will be held up while the tunnel is repaired, Commissioner Callow reported. He asked authority to enter into an emergency contract of \$7,500 for repair work.

Director of Public Service Sidlo said that bridge contractors were not responsible for the damage.

Private employment agencies are

placed under the direct supervision of the State-City Free Employment Exchange in an ordinance passed by council. Agencies are required to furnish \$500 bond and pay license fees ranging from \$75 to \$150 per year.

Applicants for work must be furnished with cards showing the kind of employment to be furnished, minimum rate of wages and duration of work. Fees must be returned in case the applicant fails to obtain a job. The office of inspector of agencies is created, and the commissioner of employment is given power to revoke licenses for violations of the ordinance.

Ordinances authorizing ten additional detectives and requiring contractors to maintain proper sanitary conditions in the erection of new buildings were introduced.

## \$35,000 for Dredging River.

Director Sidlo reported that additional bond issues of \$2,506,000 will be required for the completion of the intercepting sewer system and sewage disposal plants. The maintenance and operation of disposal plants will amount to \$66,000 per year, Sidlo said.

The department of public service was authorized to spend \$35,000 for the dredging of the Cuyahoga river. The sum of \$2,000 was transferred from the division of sanitation to the department of public service in order to give Dr. Jean Dawson direct charge of the proposed fly extermination campaign.

The committee on health and sanitation was directed to probe alleged laxity of milk inspection upon Councilman Fitzgerald's request.

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# ORDERS QUIZ INTO CAR COMPANY LAND

Council Seeks to Learn if Un-  
necessary Tracts Are  
Heid.

Passes Ordinance Regulat-  
ing Employment Agency  
Conduct.

To determine whether the Cleveland Railway Co. has land not needed for railway purposes, the city council, by unanimous vote last night, adopted a resolution calling upon Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt to submit a report showing the street railway parcels that might be placed on sale.

Members of the council asserted following a caucus yesterday that valuable property on St. Clair and Superior-avs N. E. the railway company is holding is merely a burden.

Prior to adopting this resolution council authorized the purchase of ground at W. 73d-st and Denison-av S. W. which the company is seeking to acquire as a site for a new operating station. The cost of the tract is \$60,000, or about \$3,000 an acre. At a meeting of the street railway committee yesterday afternoon the street railway commissioner said, while the price of the land is high, it is the only available tract.

The committee voted to submit an adverse report on the Stolte resolution directing the street railway company to transfer its three motor busses from the Noble and Pearl-rds route to E. 30th-st. The street railway commissioner said the company is losing money on the Noble-rd route, but advised against transferring the busses to E. 30th-st. A larger number would be required in his opinion to make the test of any value.

The ordinance regulating employment agencies and fixing a license fee was passed by the council by unanimous vote. The fees will range from \$75 to \$150 a year. Councilman J. F. Durkin sought to have an amendment approved requiring agencies that obtain employment for actors and actresses to pay a fee of \$100 a year. The amendment was voted down. The ordinance, as passed, fixes a penalty of \$50 to \$100 for first violation. For subsequent violations the maximum penalty is a fine of \$500 and six months imprisonment.

The city tax commission appointed by Mayor Newton D. Baker reported it will advocate the passage of an amendment to the Smith 1 per cent. tax law exempting the levy for sinking fund purposes from the limitations imposed. Members of the commission will represent the city at the coming convention of the Ohio Municipal league at Columbus.

Council received a communication telling of the action taken by organizations represented at the recent crime prevention meeting at the City club. A resolution was adopted urging the appropriation of funds for a crime prevention bureau. Council received an ordinance authorizing the appointment of ten additional detectives.

The water works tunnel beneath the river at Clark-av has been damaged to the extent of \$7,500 by the work on the substructure for the new Clark-av high level bridge. The displacement of earth has made the repair of the tunnel necessary. Work on the westerly portion of the bridge substructure must be delayed until the tunnel is repaired. A. R. Callow, commissioner of purchases and supplies, notified council he has obtained bids on the repair work.

A special committee of three was named by council to co-operate with patriotic organizations anxious to have a new Perry memorial erected on the site of Fort Huntington on the lake front. Councilman Durkin is

## McGINTY OFFERS AID.

When Councilman J. J. McGinty, 2741 Commercial-rd S. W., heard Judge Samuel E. Kramer's verdict yesterday in police court in the case of Mike Lukacsko, 22, who lives in Mr. McGinty's home, he jumped to his feet, saying he would pay the fine.

Lukacsko had pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and the judge fined him the costs. When Mr. McGinty interposed the sentence was changed to \$25 and costs and the fine was suspended.

chairman of the committee. Patriotic organizations will meet Friday evening.

An ordinance authorizing annexation of a portion of Brooklyn township was introduced and final approval was given the ordinance annexing a portion of Shaker Heights village.

An expenditure of \$35,000 for dredging the river was authorized.

A resolution by Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald was adopted calling for an investigation of the city milk inspection system.

Councilman William Rolf offered a

resolution protesting the proposed repeal of the mechanics' lien law.

In order to permit fly extermination work to proceed under the direction of Dr. Jean Dawson, council passed an ordinance transferring the \$2,000 fund allowed for this work from the sanitation division of the welfare department to the public service department.



## SOUND FIRST NOTE OF WITT CAMPAIGN

**Democratic Precinct Men To-  
night May Back Railway  
Official for Mayor.**

**Republican Committeemen  
Expected Soon to In-  
dorse Davis.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Democrats will sound the first note of the Peter Witt campaign at a meeting of Democratic precinct committeemen tonight in Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st.

The committeemen are expected to indorse the candidacy of the street railway commissioner, approving the indorsements already voted by the Democratic county executive committee and ward leaders of the Democratic organization.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and Candidate Witt will be the speakers. Witt backers are awaiting with interest the speech of the candidate, which they predict will give an inkling of the trend the commissioner will follow in the fall fight.

It will be the first time Mr. Witt addresses the organization, Democrats said yesterday, although he has been a speaker in numerous campaigns. Mr. Witt has not prepared a speech. He said yesterday he would decide what to say when he stood before the crowd.

Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, intends to be at the meeting, he has written Mayor Baker. This will not change the plan to have County Clerk E. B. Haserodt preside, however, according to the men arranging the gathering.

The anticipated indorsement of Mr. Witt by Democratic precinct committeemen will be followed by the indorsement next week of Harry L. Davis by precinct committeemen of the Republican organization, indications were yesterday.

Republican leaders have decided to hold a meeting of party workers next week Saturday, probably in the rooms of the Cleveland Law school on the thirteenth floor of the Engineers building. The meeting will be called by George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county central committee.

It is definitely understood that a resolution will be offered approving the candidacy of Mr. Davis. Whether there will be a division on the question will develop later. Miner G. Norton said yesterday he did not intend to make a fight in the meeting in behalf of his own candidacy.

The meeting will be a move by the Maurice Maschke forces that are supporting Mr. Davis. The Maschke following holds the control of the precinct committee.

Candidate Davis spoke last night at a meeting in the new headquarters of the Seventeenth Ward Harry L. Davis club at 2408 E. 59th-st. Mr. Davis said his campaign this year would be to complete the fight he started in 1913.

## LOOK FOR \$75,000 IN JOBLESS FUND

**Officials Give Conservative  
Estimate of Total After  
Telephone Canvass.**

**Late Contributions Increase  
Cash Received to  
\$64,708.63.**

The unemployment commission's job fund yesterday rose to \$64,708.63. Telephone calls in the morning by commission members to firms that have not made returns assured the commission the fund will not be less than \$75,000. This is considered a conservative estimate.

Chairman F. H. Goff yesterday made an urgent plea to have those who have not yet mailed their returns to do so at once. This will enable the commission to know just how much work it can arrange for the unemployed.

A sub committee of the commission will meet with Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Service Tom L. Sidlo this morning to go over a list of proposed jobs.

This committee will report officially to the commission at a meeting in The Hollenden tomorrow noon when the first public accounting will be made.

Commissioners in session yesterday noon determined to give men hired from the fund half-time work, which will pay \$6 a week. In order to have the fund give immediate relief, arrangements were made yesterday to pay these workers every three days.

None of the fund will be used for materials or tools. The city will pay for supervision. Men are to be picked by the commission with the aid of settlement workers.

Yesterday's receipts were classified as follows:

43 groups of employees..	\$4,011.86
72 individual givers....	363.65
4 firms .....	175.50

Total .....\$4,551.01

Employees of these concerns were among sharers yesterday: Cleveland Punch & Shear Works, Cleveland Desk Co., Kaynee Blouse Co., Oppenheim-Collins Co., Reaugh Construction Co., Kuhlman Car Co., Caldwell Piano Co., Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Works, Upson Nut Co., White Automobile Co., Cleveland Twist Drill Co. and the King Bridge Co.

Up to late yesterday afternoon 105 firms, 199 groups of employees and 1,447 individual givers had been the sharers since Thursday.

It is practically assured \$75,000 will be at the commission's disposal by Wednesday noon, and it is known some gifts will not arrive at headquarters until Thursday or Friday.

Here is a list of firms and employees to date that have contributed to the \$100,000 fund:

Acme Box & Lumber Co., Acme Machinery Co., Adams-Bagnall Electric Co., Adams Realty Co., Aetna Rubber Co., Alvine-Ryan Foundry Co., American Can Co., American Commercial Co., Max Amster Co., Ames Bag Machine Co., Arntine Brothers, Atlantic Refining Co., William H. Baetz, Bailey Co., Baird Brothers Co., Baldwin Stove Co., C. O. Bartlett & Snow Co., Barton & Barton, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bentley, McCrystal & Briggs, F. R. Bill, Billings-Chapin Co., H. Black Co., A. C. Blair & Co., Block Co., J. A. Bott, Bourne-Fuller Co., Bochinke Co., Bradley Bldgs., Bradstreets, T. H. Brooks Co., Brooks, McAninch, Wilber, Parsons, Brown Brothers, Brown Fence & Wire Co., Brown Holdings Machinery Co., Brookhart Fruit Co., Browning, King & Co., Burrows Bros. Co., Kamerer & Benes, Caldwell Piano Co., Danfield Oil Co., Carey Co., John F. Casey Co., Central Brass Mfg. Co., Central Electrotube Foundry Co., Central National Bank, Chandler Motor Car Co., Chandler & Price Co., Chandler & Rudd Co., C. Chandler Sons, Chase Machine Co., Chisholm Shoe Co., City Blue Publishing Co., City Ice Delivery

Co., Clarence Collings Co., Clark Manchester Co., Cleveland Brass Manufacturing Co., Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Cleveland Desk Co., Cleveland Folding Machine Co., Cleveland Foundry Co., Cleveland Frog & Crossing Co., Cleveland Fruit Juice Co., Cleveland Hardware Co., Cleveland Grain Co., Cleveland Illuminating Co., Cleveland Paper Manufacturing Co., Cleveland Press, Cleveland Punch & Shear Works, Cleveland Railway Co., Cleveland Savings & Loan Co., Cleveland Stone Co., Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland Twist Drill Co., Cleveland & Western Coal Co., Cleveland Window Glass & Door Co.

Cluett Peabody, Cohn-Goodman Co., Colonial hotel, Clum & Marty, Colonial Printing Co., Consolidated Knitting Co., J. T. Corlett Co., Korner & Wood Co., Cowell & Hubbard Co., Cowell, Lundoff, Little, Crucible Steel Castings Co., Crystal Brothers Co., Crescent Brass Manufacturing Co., Hyman D. Davis, Deckman-Duty Brick Co., Dis Bunts Cule & Lower Co., Dover Fire Brick Co., Donaldson & Parrett, James Dunn Co., Eberhard Manufacturing Co., Electric Printing Co., Empire Plow Co., Equitable Life Insurance Co., Erner Electric Co., Fairbanks, Morse Co., Fisher Co., Fisher Brothers, Forbes Varnish Co., Fowler, Simpson Co., Fries & Schuele Co., Frost-Superior Fence Co., U. L. Gaddis, Abraham Garfield, Gibson & Price Co., A. S. Gilman Printing Co., J. E. Goodman Furniture Co., Grabler Manufacturing Co., F. M. Grant Electric Co., Grassell Chemical Co., Granton & Knight, Griese Brothers, Guarantee Title & Trust Co., Hackman Leather Co., Hall-Van Gorder Co., Houghawout & Craig, E. T. Hauserman Co., Hayden, Miller & Co., Hickster & Co., Higbee Co., Hill-Clutch Co.,

William L. Hughes, Humphrey & Co., Hohlfelder & Co., Iroquois Manufacturing Co., James Manchester, Kaynee Co., King Bridge Co., J. P. Kohn & Co., S. Korach & Co., Kresge, S. S. Kuhlman Car Co., Lakeview cemetery, Landeman-Hirschheimer Co., Lebeck-Rueter Co., Lindsay Wire Weaving Co., John C. Lowe Co., Lucas Machine Tool Co., McBarron-Cardor-Frolking Co., McQueen-Bonda Co., Marquard Sash & Door Co., Mesdames Cameron & Rich, Miller Bros. Shoe Co., H. D. Millard, Monarch Brass Co., Ben Moore & Co., Morehouse Co., Maynard H. Murch Co., Mutual Life Insurance Co., National Malleable Casting Co., National Quality Lamp Division of General Co., New England Mutual Life, National Screw & Tack, E. N. Newberger & Co., N. C. & St. L., Nicola Stone & Myers Co.

G. G. Norris Co., Ohio Blower Co., Ohio Box Board Co., Ohio Brick Co., Ohio Clay Co., Ohio Enamel Co., Oppenheim-Collins Co., Orlikowski, W. M. Pattison Supply Co., Penton Publishing Co., Perry-Payne Co., J. H. Phelps, S. L. Pierce & Co., Pike Richmond Co., Plain Dealer Publishing Co., Poppean Manufacturing Co., F. M. Potter, Potter-Teare Co., Progressive Shirt & Dress Co., Prudential Insurance Co., W. H. Quinby Co., Reaugh Construction Co., Rauch & Lang Carriage Co., Republic Stove Co., Reliance Electric & Engineering Co., Rickersberg Brass Co., Richmond Bros. Co., Root & McBride Co., Rose Knit Goods Co., M. Rosenblum Credit Co.

Saginaw Bay Co., Schmidt-Horning Co., Schwartz-Huebschman & Forney, Scott-Griggs Co., Scott Ullman, Sheriff Street Market & Storage, Sherwin-Williams Co., M. T. Silver & Co., H. G. Slatmyer, Louis Snecht, E. Sperling & Co., Standard Tool Co., Stearn

Advertising Co., Sterling Refining Co., N. O. Stone & Co., Charles A. Stone & Co., Sunshine Cloak & Suit, Superior Savings & Trust, Tabulating Machine Co., Taylor Bros., William Taylor Son & Co., Teachout Co., Tropical Paint Oil Co., Troy Laundry Co., Turn Steel Co., United Banking & Savings United Knit Goods Co.

Upson Nut Co., Upson Walton Co., Van Dorn & Dutton Co., Van Dorn Electric Tool Co., Vichek Tool Co., W. H. Warner & Co., Wilbur J. Watson, Weidman Co., West Steel Castings Co., White Co., Whitney building, White Sewing Machine Co., H. W. White, Whitmer, Jackson Sash & Door Co., Woodland Savings & Trust, George Worthington Co., Wovenright Knitting Co., William Zeitz Co.

## Park Work For Idle Approved

Park improvements to employ 500 men from 30 to 90 days, and to cost \$44,000, payable from Cleveland's jobless relief fund, were approved Tuesday by a special committee of the jobs commission.

These are the projects submitted by Server Sidlo at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office: Union-av, near E. 110th-st, removing top soil for filling in parks, 100 men for 30 days; Edgewater park, grading, 50 men, 80 days; Forest Hill parkway, changing creek course, 50 men, 30 days; Washington park, clearing, 25 men, 30 days; East Boulevard, grading and leveling, 50 men, 70 days; Woodland Hills-Garfield parks, boulevard grading, 50 men, 70 days; Brookside nursery, opening road and building bridge, 50 men, 30 days; Woodland Hills park, grading 2000 feet of boulevard, 25 men, 75 days; White City site, razing buildings for park, 30 men, 90 days; E. 110th-st and Forest Hill parkway, grading, 50 men, 30 days; cutting down street trees, 50 men, 90 days.

The job relief fund stood at \$68,924 Tuesday, with \$4100 more pledged.

## WITT OPENS FIRE

Pete Witt's finest vocal fireworks was expected Tuesday night at Acme hall, 2416 E. Ninth-st, at his formal bow as democratic mayoralty candidate.

Congressman R. J. Bulkley, Mayor Baker, County Clerk E. B. Haserodt, and all the ward leaders and precinct captains planned to be on the job at the public meeting. Everybody was invited.



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## JOB COMMITTEE O. K.'S PLANS TO GIVE 500 JOBS

**\$44,000 of \$75,000 Fund to  
Be Expended by Sidlo at  
Once on Park Work.**

F. H. Goff and Charles E. Adams, representing Mayor Baker's non-employment commission, and Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director, at a conference Tuesday with Mayor Baker, Service Director Sidlo, Park Commissioner Alber and Engineering Commissioner Hoffman, approved Sidlo's plan for the expenditure of \$44,000 of the \$75,000 relief fund raised to provide work for the jobless.

The approval means that 500 men will start work Thursday on jobs lasting from twenty-five to ninety days. Approximately 390 men now are at work in city parks and roadways and the extra 500 men are to be on additional park and roadway improvement.

The work, location and number of men to be required are as follows:

Union ave. and E. 110th st., 100 men, thirty days.

Edgewater park, fifty men, eighty days.

Washington park, twenty-five men, thirty days.

E. 110th st. and Forest Hill parkway, north of St. Clair ave., fifty men, thirty days.

East blvd., near Woodland Hills, fifty men, seventy days.

Woodland Hills—Garfield blvd., fifty men, seventy days.

Brookside park, fifty men, thirty days.

Forest Hill parkway, south of St. Clair ave., fifty men, thirty days.

Fresh Air camp, Woodland Hills, twenty-five men, seventy-five days.

In removing dead and undesirable trees, fifty men, ninety days.

Goff and Adams also approved plans for the wrecking of buildings in old White City, at the foot of E. 140th st., where the city is to build a sewage disposal plant and a park. Forty men now are employed there at a payroll of \$40 a day, which is being paid out of the relief fund.

At a meeting of the non-employment commission at the Hollenden, Wednesday, Goff will present a report of the relief work to date.

Contributions from employees of fourteen firms and from one firm itself Tuesday netted \$4,216.11, bringing the total fund to date \$68,924.74. There still remain a large number of firms who promised to contribute, but who have not yet sent in their donations.

### May Not Reach \$100,000.

The unemployed commission Tuesday was working in an effort to bring the grand total of the campaign up to \$75,000. Indications were that it will be impossible to raise \$100,000, as originally intended. It will take persistent appealing to bring the fund up to the three-quarters mark.

The largest contribution received from employees Tuesday was from those of the Halle Bros. Company, who sent a check for \$2,000. Cleveland Telephone employees sent \$342. Other employees' contributions received Tuesday were:

Osborn Manufacturing Company, \$206.90; National Acme Manufacturing Company, \$38.71; Scribner & Loehr Company, \$37.65; Cleveland Provision Company, \$38.75; Wells-Fargo Ex-

press Company, \$17; the Stearn Company, \$100; Grabler Manufacturing Company, \$3.25; Samuel Austin & Son Company, \$26.10; the Ohio Varnish Company, \$62.75; city repair department, \$20; Comey & Johnson Company, \$50; George A. Rutherford Company, \$25.

### Hundreds Found Worthy.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployed commission, Tuesday had received from the state-city labor bureau hundreds of names of men who have been certified to as worthy of work. Indications were that the number of worthy men would be much greater than originally planned. It may be necessary to give work to all the men at once instead of spreading out the fund over two months.

An official report of the work of the unemployed commission and the results obtained will be made Wednesday at a luncheon and meeting at the Hollenden.

The commission already has placed 757 men at work and others will be placed as soon after Tuesday's meeting at Mayor Baker's office as possible.

## DEMOCRATS WILL HEAR AND INDORSE PETER WITT

Peter Witt will make his official bow as mayoralty candidate Tuesday night at Acme hall, E. 9th st., when he will receive the indorsement of the Democratic organization. Witt is to make a speech.

County Clerk Haserodt, who was a candidate for the nomination, will preside, but is not expected to talk in behalf of Witt. Mayor Baker and

Witt are the only scheduled speakers. Councilman McGinty will act as temporary chairman.



# WITT TAKES OVER OLD JOHNSON MEN, WHO INDORSE HIM

Railway Commissioner Deeply Moved as Party Workers Roar Approval of Candidacy for Mayor.

Roudly Scores 'Alleged Democrats' and Opponents Under Leadership of D. R. Hanna.

WANTS JOB TO CARRY ON DEAD CHIEF'S FIGHT

Baker Spikes Boom Acclaiming Him as Ohio's 1916 Governor.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night took over in a body the precinct committeemen of the Democratic organization that called Tom L. Johnson leader.

The roar with which the men who packed Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st., approved a resolution indorsing the street railway commissioner shook the building.

Organization workers filled the chairs, stood rows deep at the rear of the hall, and crowded the balconies to overflowing. With thundering enthusiasm they hailed Mr. Witt as the next mayor of Cleveland.

They called him Pete when he rose to speak. He stood at the edge of the platform, one hand pressed to the front of his coat, head a little bent, a black lock of hair out of place across his forehead, eyes sparkling behind his spectacles, his face flushed with the feeling the ovation evidently had caused.

Then he talked. The applause became louder and interrupted him more frequently as he proceeded. He hit hard and often. The men who had just committed themselves to his support evinced that they accepted the speech as a call to battle. Early he told them what his fight would be.

**Same Old Fight, He Says.**

"It will be the same old fight," he said, "against the same old gang—the army of progress against the cohorts of reaction."

It was a meeting such as Acme hall, scene of many a Democratic gathering, had seldom known. Democrats asserted afterward. Gray haired workers in the ranks of Democracy said to one another as they left the building, "It's the old times coming back."

Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, organization chairman, who presided, put the motion that the committeemen ratify action already taken by the Democratic county executive committee and organization ward leaders. This followed addresses by Mr. Bulkley, County Clerk E. B. Haserodt, who moved the indorsement, and Mayor Newton D. Baker.

A boom for Mr. Baker for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1916 was launched by Mr. Haserodt and wildly applauded. The mayor said it did not interest him, because

he had no intention of "spending two of the remaining years of his life away from Cleveland."

**Witt Criticized.**

At the conclusion of the meeting, David Gibson, single tax advocate, criticized Mr. Witt for not mentioning the single tax doctrine in his address. He declared an intention of calling a meeting today of the executive committee of the Single Tax club, to suggest that the organization put another candidate for mayor in the field.

In the speech that aroused the assemblage to the cheering pitch, Mr. Witt struck a blow at Dan R. Hanna, publisher of the Cleveland Leader and News, assailing him as a chief among the forces that opposed the things for which Tom Johnson fought. That the name of the late mayor and the principles he advocated will figure largely in the coming campaign was clearly indicated. Those who spoke before

the candidate fought over again the battles of the Tom Johnson days, referring to Mr. Witt's part in them.

Mr. Witt served vigorous and direct warning that he did not want the support of what he termed "alleged Democrats," who, he said, believed as did "the other side." In beginning his address he referred to the reception accorded him.

"If it didn't touch me, I wouldn't be Pete Witt," he said. "After all that's been said, I don't feel much like talking."

"Secondly, we don't yet know what the enemy is going to do. Our distinguished fellow townsman, Dan Hanna—"

He spoke very deliberately. In the pause, there was laugh here and there, then a ripple and finally a roar of laughter.

"Has not told the Republicans who his choice is to be," continued Mr. Witt. "And until he does, I and you

do not know who to shoot at. But when he finally gets tired of moving his pawns on the political chess board and knows who he is going to put forward that he may gain political power, we'll know, and then we'll shoot."

"For fourteen years, while he who now sleeps at Brooklyn was making the grandest struggle ever made by any political officeholder in the United States, a struggle that cost him his fortune and his life, Dan Hanna and his crowd and all he represents was opposing that march of progress under his leadership."

"We believe that he who produces shall be the enjoyer of the product of his toil. They believe it is ordained that some shall be leaders for others to follow, that some shall be born with saddles on their backs for others with spurs to ride."

"Those who believe that way will be on the other side. Some of our own number who believe that way also will be on the other side, for I don't want them behind me."

"I don't want any man behind me who betrayed Tom Johnson! I want every man who followed him for pelf and not for principle on the other side. I want to look every political demagog in the eye, I don't want him at my back. I can afford to be defeated, but I cannot afford to compromise, and won't."

"They may fool themselves, but they can't fool me. We're going to win. I always get what I go after, and I want the job. I want it for myself, and I want it that I may be clothed with the political power to drive forward the fight begun by Tom Johnson. I want it that I may make this city the city he prayed for, a better city to live in, and a happier city to die in. I'll do all I can in that fight."

"I did all I could in the past, but I was fighting under the leadership of other men. I am going further than ever before. If I make a mistake, I'll pay the penalty. I'll guarantee that the man on the other side will know he's been in a scrap." Roars greeted the declaration.

"There isn't a thing I believe in, or a thing I'll fight for, that I won't declare for publicly," went on Mr. Witt. "I guarantee that he whom Dan picks, before I get through with him, will be in the same boat. If they put opposite me a man who tells things that are not true, I'll make him come to the front, if packing house methods have to be employed."

He closed after thanking the organization for its approval, and there were three cheers for "Pete Witt" as the crowd arose to go.

Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo and Milton L. Young, mayor's secretary, sat on the platform with the speakers. Mr. Bulkley in opening the meeting urged the organization to support Mr. Witt. He outlined what he said was the fight of the Tom Johnson Democracy, as did Mr. Haserodt after him. Peter Witt always fought side by side with Tom Johnson, the congressman asserted.

Mr. Bulkley said he hoped if there were any differences among the workers they would be aired before the meeting ended. After the roaring "aye" which passed the indorsing resolution, he asked for "contrary minded," and the stillness contrasted with the enthusiastic affirmative vote.

Mr. Haserodt, welcomed with applause and cheers, spoke of the Baker campaign of 1913. The coming fight will tax the capacity of the Democratic organization, he predicted. He told what he considered the obligation of a candidate indorsed by the organization, that he give it consideration and recognition.

"If there is any such thing as promotion in politics," he asserted, "any such thing as reward, Newton D. Baker has richly deserved a reward at the hands of all the people of Cleveland. I want to take this occasion, entirely without consulting him, of nominating Newton D. Baker for governor of Ohio!"

Mr. Haserodt then moved the Witt indorsement, which was seconded from the floor by Martin Madden, and again seconded by Mayor Baker when he ended his speech.

The mayor, after voicing appreciation for what Mr. Haserodt had said, declared he felt he had been rewarded in that he had spent "twelve completely happy years" in public life. He said he thought he could be more useful to Cleveland on the outside than on the inside.

He reviewed the past dozen years with a view to the part Peter Witt had taken in the 3-cent fare fight, the move for a 2-cent steam railroad rate, the effort in behalf of the home rule amendment to the constitution, the campaign for the city charter and the campaign for the \$2,000,000 bond issue for a municipal light plant. He spoke of Mr. Witt throughout as "my old companion of the tax school."

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# WITT IS INDORSED; GIBSON PROMISES RIVAL CANDIDATE

Single Taxer Riled by Pete's Failure to Espouse Cause.

PARTY BETRAYERS FLAYED

Democratic Mayoralty Candidate Warns Opposition to Prepare for Real Fight.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

No sooner had Peter Witt accepted the indorsement of Democratic precinct captains for mayor with a speech in which he said he would use "packing house rules" in the next campaign than a threat of another radical candidate was served on him.

David Gibson, a single tax leader, and editor of the Ground Hog, a single tax paper, told Witt to his face, on the platform in Acme hall last night, that because Witt dodged making single tax speeches he would put a man in who was not afraid to do so.

Today Gibson declared after his bitter colloquy with Witt, who has until now been considered his close friend, Gibson will call a meeting of the executive committee of the Single Tax League to pick a candidate for mayor.

**Single Tax Candidate.**

"You can say for me right now that there will be another candidate for mayor who will not be afraid to come out in public for single tax," Gibson asserted.

Gibson's charge that Witt was dodging and deprecating the single tax, a Tom L. Johnson measure which Gibson said Witt claimed to believe in privately, followed a speech by Witt in which Witt said he intended to declare publicly for everything in which he believed.

Unnamed Democrats were told by Witt that he did not want them to support him, because they had "betrayed" Johnson by following him for "pelf." Witt said that he was "going to say everything that came into his head" during the campaign.

**Gibson's Ire Aroused.**

Hardly had the meeting ended when Gibson, bristling with indignation, climbed to the platform. He was hot with anger because Witt had not mentioned single tax in his lengthy address, and said so to several bystanders, including J. B. Vining, a city employee, who tried to soothe him. When Witt turned to go, Gibson planted himself squarely in the way.

"Why didn't you talk the tax question?" Gibson demanded.

Witt said something that sounded like a request to Gibson not to get excited about it.

"I sold some 'Ground Hogs' today, Dave," Witt said.

"There's been enough deprecating and hesitating," Gibson returned. "Now don't say you'll talk this after you get elected. We won't wait for that. If there is no single tax, and you should be elected, you would be



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## PETE WITT ISN'T WORRYING OVER GIBSON THREAT

Peter Witt wasn't disturbed Wednesday by threats of David Gibson to inject another mayoralty candidate into the field on a purely single tax platform.

"When the time comes I propose to state my position quite clearly and unmistakably on all issues, and that includes single tax," said Witt Wednesday. "In my talk Tuesday night I discussed no campaign issues."

Witt delivered numerous hot shots Tuesday night at the meeting of democratic precinct committeemen and party workers who indorsed him for mayor. The meeting was held in Acme hall.

After the meeting, Gibson, peeved because Witt hadn't mentioned single tax, made his threat to get the single tax club to indorse some other candidate.

### Haserodt Moves Indorsement.

"You missed a golden opportunity tonight to advance the cause of tax reform," Gibson told Witt. "I'm going to see to it somebody enters the field against you who will talk about the real issue."

Following speeches by Congressman Robert Bulkley, chairman of the democratic organization,

County Clerk Haserodt, who moved the indorsement of Witt, and Mayor Baker, the tractioneer took the platform.

Witt said:

"It's going to be the same old fight against the same old gang—the army of progress against the cohorts of reaction. For 14 years while Tom Johnson was making the grandest struggle ever made by a political officeholder, Dan Hanna and his crowd were opposing the march of progress."

"I don't want a man behind me that betrayed Tom Johnson. If such alleged democrats don't fight me, I'll think less of them."

## 1,750 WILL GET WORK, CITY AND BOARD DECIDE

Program as Finally Agreed on Provides for Labor in Eleven Parks and Boulevards and \$87,000 Expenditure.

EACH MAN TO BE PAID \$6 FOR 3 DAYS A WEEK

Fund Expected to Go Above \$75,000 Mark by Tonight; Donate 1,000 Baskets of Food.

Definite plans to employ 1,750 men on park, playground and boulevard improvement work were agreed to yesterday at a conference between city officials and a committee of the mayor's unemployment commission.

The work program was outlined by Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and Park Commissioner Alber. It embraces work in eleven parks and boulevards, for a total of 43,750 days, at a cost of nearly \$87,000. The men are to work half time at a wage of \$6 for three days' work. They are to be paid from the relief fund being raised by the unemployment commission.

This fund last night had reached a total of \$70,417.03 including \$20,648.50 on hand from voluntary contributions before the campaign for the fund began. Money received yesterday totaled \$3,933.40 from twenty-four groups of employees; \$88 from three firms, \$1,000 from two banks and \$687 from thirty-nine individuals.

In addition, \$3,600 has been pledged from various sources and the commission has still to receive returns from more than 700 firms which asked for contribution blanks.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, will issue a public statement today on the progress of the fund which is expected to go above the \$75,000 mark by tonight.

Among the contributions yesterday was one of \$241.96 from city garbage collectors.

Market Master Kemp announced that through donations from market men, 1,000 baskets of food are to be distributed today and tomorrow to destitute families.

nght me I'll think the less of them, if that were possible. They may fool themselves, but they won't fool me.

### Confident of Success.

"We're going to win. I always get what I go after. I want the job. I want it for myself and I want it in order to drive forward the fight inaugurated by Tom Johnson, and so long as it is unfulfilled his spirit will rule the people of this and every other community."

"I want to make this city the city he hoped and prayed for, a better city to live in and a happier city to die in. I shall do all in my power in that fight. I always rendered all the service that was in me in the battles of the past. I was sometimes restrained because I was following other men."

"I am going further than I ever did before, and if I make a mistake I'll pay the penalty, and I'll guarantee the man on the other side will know he's been in a scrap, and I'm going to be Pete Witt until the last ballot is counted."

### Promises to Speak Freely.

"I'm not going to change an iota. I'm going to say everything that comes into my head."

"I say to you there is not a thing I believe in and hope for I will not publicly declare for."

"If they put up a candidate who thinks he can get away by saying things that are not true, I'll guarantee I'll bring him to the front, if packing-house rules have to be employed."

"They'll bring no fight to me. I'll take each and everyone of them to their doorstep, and there'll be lots of them."

John M. Sulzmann's formal withdrawal as a mayoralty candidate is expected today.

## RAILWAY HAS NO SURPLUS LANDS, STANLEY SAYS

Traction Head Answers Resolution of Council—Car Barns Are to Be Disposed of Later.

No surplus land is held by the Cleveland Railway Company, President Stanley said yesterday, in answer to a council resolution calling for a report upon the estimated value of land not needed for operating purposes.

Stanley said that car barns at Superior ave. and E. 105th st. would be placed on the market later, but at the present time they were being used by the company. Bids from real estate dealers will likely be received when this property is offered for sale.

"It has been the usual policy of the company to dispose of all land not needed for operating purposes," said Stanley.

Stanley shares Street Railway Commissioner Witt's opinion that the city should make no effort to designate the type of fenders to be used on interurban cars. Witt holds that the city would be placed in the position of acting as agent for the particular type recommended.

### Threatens Opposition.

Another palliating remark was interposed by Witt.

"If you don't come out publicly on this great question, I'll see to it that there is a candidate against you who will," continued Gibson.

"You go as far as you like," Witt retorted, his face flushing.

"I will," Gibson said. Then he announced he would call the executive committee.

Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic committee, opened the meeting by announcing that the Democratic executive committee and ward leaders had indorsed Witt and he hoped the precinct captains would follow that lead.

### Names Baker for Governor.

Vice Chairman Haserodt said the Democratic organization was going to have a harder fight than usual this year, because its opponents were confident and because "every so often the people are tired of the continual battle to keep good government." He nominated Mayor Baker as the next candidate for governor. Then, taking the bull by the horns, he reminded Witt that when the Democratic organization indorses a man it expects recognition "when the day of reckoning comes."

"I do not refer to jobs, but the man who founded this organization would want a candidate indorsed by it to recognize it to the extent of being dependent to it by helping to perpetuate it," Haserodt said. [Many of the Democrats are afraid Witt, if elected, will disrupt the party machinery at the behest of certain of his backers.] Haserodt moved Witt be indorsed. Martin Madden seconded the motion. Mayor Baker, in speaking for the indorsement, said he would not run for governor and that Witt had been associated with Johnson and himself in the "fight." He said, in effect, the United States would be affected if Witt was whipped. The committeemen unanimously indorsed Witt.

### Witt's Speech.

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moving his pawns on the political chessboard, and makes his selection, and we know who he's going to put forward to secure political power, we'll know, and then we'll shoot," Witt said.

"It'll be the same old fight against the same old gang, the army of progress against the cohorts of reaction. For thirteen years while he, who now sleeps in Brooklyn, was making the grandest struggle ever made by any political officeholder, and which cost him his fortune and his life, Dan Hanna, his crowd and all they represent were opposing the march of progress under my leadership."

### Will Fight to Finish.

Everything he stood for was opposed by this crowd. It was a contest between the house of have and the house of want. That fight is not over and will be until both the house of want and the house of have only occur in the annals of American history.

Until that time comes, the two enemies are bound to fight; one whose members see the light, recognize the truth and are not afraid to stand for it, the other, whose members are merely pawns of they who are the masters of privilege and monopoly. Everything proposed, and that all the people now beneficiaries of, they opposed, and wasn't a proposition he put forward that did not meet that opposition?

We believe that he who produces all the enjoyer of the product of toil.

### Attacks "Betrayers" of Johnson.

They believe we were born and foredoomed that some should be leaders and others to follow; that some were born with saddles on their backs for others with booted spurs to ride.

They will be on the other side, and one of our own number will also be on the other side, because I do not want to fight with me.

I do not want a man behind me that betrayed Tom Johnson. I want every man that followed him for pelf to get on the other side. I want to look every scoundrel in the eye and not have him at my back. I can afford to be hated, but I cannot afford to compromise. If these people who allege themselves Democrats don't get out and



## MAKE SUBURBS PAY FEE TO USE CITY'S LIBRARY

—Dittrick—

**Librarian Brett Agrees;  
Council and Board Will Be  
Asked to Fix Fee.**

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"It does not seem right that Cleveland taxpayers should be required to pay for the entertainment of people living in other municipalities," Dittrick said. "If nonresidents want to draw books from the library they should be required to pay an annual membership fee."

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and Pete is as good a one as I am,"  
Vining opined.

Politicians, however, were discuss-  
ing the effect of Sulzmann's change  
of front. It had been expected he  
would withdraw as soon as the  
Democratic organization indorsed  
Witt.

"The big organization is back of  
me—the plain people," Sulzmann as-  
serted. "I have changed my mind  
and unless something unforeseen  
happens I'll declare myself a candi-  
date to the finish. It depends on de-  
velopments. I am farther from with-  
drawing than I ever have been."

"My friends today started a move-  
ment to get \$1 from every man who  
signed my petition for a campaign  
fund."

One ray of light, however, fell on  
the Witt camp. Charles Dempster,  
one of the organizers of Gus Han-  
na's boost club, which has been  
named the "Non Compos Mentis  
Club," after a phrase of Hanna's,  
said the members were solid for  
Witt.

Post cards have been sent to Re-  
publican precinct captains by Harry  
L. Davis asking them to call at his  
office evenings from February 15 to  
February 20. It is understood this  
is preparatory to the meeting of the  
captains February 20, when Davis is  
expected to ask an indorsement.

Burt A. Miller, chairman of the  
Lakewood Republican committee, re-  
ceived word yesterday that Lieuten-  
ant Governor John H. Arnold will be  
a speaker at the Lincoln banquet in  
the Lakewood Methodist church Fri-  
day night.

**CITY ORCHESTRA  
NEEDS FUNDS TO  
CONTINUE WORK**

**Municipal Concerts Will End  
Sunday Unless Officials Find  
Money to Pay Salaries  
of Musicians.**

Municipal orchestra concerts will  
be abandoned after Sunday unless a  
transfer of city funds is made, or  
additional private subscriptions are  
received by Mayor Baker.

Receipts have fallen far short of  
estimates made when the annual ap-  
propriation ordinance was passed,  
and there was only \$1,313 in the fund  
appropriated for the salaries of  
musicians yesterday. Cash donations  
amount to \$1,302. The expense of  
conducting each concert is \$2,200, and  
three more concerts have been  
planned.

Commissioner of Recreation Black,  
who has been in charge of the con-  
certs, has been out of the city for  
two weeks. Other welfare officials  
said yesterday that they did not  
know what arrangements were being  
made to continue the concerts. The  
city's share of receipts from the con-  
certs since January 1 have amounted  
to only \$1,352.60.



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## WITT IGNORES DAVID GIBSON

Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, Thursday ignored David Gibson. Gibson, however, wasn't following suit.

"I've arranged to have a representative at all of Witt's campaign meetings," said Gibson. "The moment I become convinced Witt is neglecting his splendid opportunity to boost single tax, I shall enter my single tax candidate in the mayoralty race."

"I've got the candidate and he has agreed to run. I will be eternally vigilant."

Witt is backing a taxation bill that John D. Fackler took to Columbus Thursday for discussion by representatives of various Ohio cities.

The bill will give cities, counties and school districts home rule in taxation matters, so that the cities can get their whole revenue from a land tax and the state get its portion from a tax on other property.

## MUNY CONCERT MONEY WILL RUN OUT SUNDAY

The financial straits of the muny orchestra will reach a crisis next week.

After Sunday's concert the available funds will be practically exhausted.

What is to be done to finance the last two concerts in February must be decided by Mayor Baker and Recreation Commissioner Black.

The city appropriated \$10,535 for concerts this year. Over \$1000 was raised by private subscription. To complete the year approximately \$4400 will be necessary, it is said.

## DEMANDS SPEED TO END CROSSING PERIL

Councilman Harry Gahn Thursday again asked City Engineer Hoffman to prepare preliminary plans for the elimination of Pennsylvania railroad grade

crossings at Quincy and Central-avs.

"These crossings are a menace to thousands compelled to cross the tracks," said Gahn. "I have been after Hoffman three months to get plans prepared so I may draw up proper council legislation."

Gahn hopes to get a bond issue

for the crossing elimination at a special election which probably will be in May. The work will cost about \$900,000, of which the city's share will be \$300,000. A few months ago a Scovill car was hit by a train at the Quincy-av crossing.

News  
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## COUNCIL BEGINS PROBE OF HIGH PRICE OF FLOUR

Big and Little Bakers and Millers Invited; May Ask U. S. to Stop Speculation.

Searching inquiry into the bread and flour situation in Cleveland and action looking forward to the city's lodging an official protest at Washington against exorbitant wheat and flour prices and demanding that the Chicago wheat pit be closed, were expected to result late Thursday from a meeting of a special council committee at city hall.

Invitations to attend the meeting have been extended to W. H. Nussdorfer, Ward Baking Company; E. M. Fairchild, Cleveland Milling Company; Frank Knott, president Retail Bakers' Association; W. H. Pratt, General Baking Company; Wilfred Singleton of the Star Baking Company, and representatives of the R. B. Biscuit Company, Bay State Milling Company, Moody & Thomas Milling Company, Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, Washburn-Crosby Company, and a score of small bakers, grain dealers and civic associations which have been protesting against high prices.

"The 1914 wheat crop was a bumper, the biggest ever in the country," declared Councilman Woods, who is responsible for the meetings. "So there seems no logical reason why wheat should be up to \$1.68 a bushel and flour to \$10 a barrel. Speculation is to blame, nothing else, and government officials, urged by the larger cities, should put an end to this speculation."

The committee also was to look into complaints that City Sealer Radcliffe has postponed for an unreasonable time action against bakers who give short weight or fail to label their bread loaves. Councilman Bernstein's resolution, asking that railroad officials be interviewed as to the advisability of establishing freight terminals to facilitate the shipment of produce, also was to be taken up.

## CITY ASKS \$100,000 FOR LAND ROAD WANTS

The Cleveland & Youngstown railroad won't get the land at Hill ave. and Central viaduct on which Engine Company No. 28 stands until it pays the city \$100,000 for replacing the present station and fire signal system. Safety Director Benesch declared Thursday.

The road, needing the property for its right-of-way to a downtown terminal, has offered the city \$40,000. Benesch and Mayor Baker turned down the offer Thursday when they learned the high pressure pumping station, Lakeside ave. and E. 11th st., isn't suitable for the signal system because of high tension wires.

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## MEALS TO TALK AT LAKEWOOD'S RALLY TONIGHT

First Speech Since Judge Was Mentioned for Mayoralty to Interest Republicans; Arnold Also to Make Address.

WITT ASKS COMMITTEE  
TO MANAGE CAMPAIGN

New Complications in Democratic Ranks Appear As Members Doubt Their 'Ability.'

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Republicans from all parts of the county will go to Lakewood tonight to hear Judge Walter D. Meals, and Lieutenant Governor John H. Arnold speak at the Lincoln banquet to be given by all of the G. O. P. organizations of the suburb, in the Lakewood Methodist Episcopal church at Detroit and Summit aves.

Three hundred guests are expected to sit down at the dinner in the church parlors. The political interest of the event is large, in that Judge Meals will make his first political address since he was mentioned first as a mayoralty possibility and it will be Arnold's first speech in Cleveland.

R. G. Curren will be the toastmaster at the dinner, which will begin at 7 o'clock and will be informal. Mayor Tyler of Lakewood will speak on "Lakewood." Judge Meals will deliver the address on "Abraham Lincoln." Congressman-elect Henry I. Emerson is to speak on national Republican policies and Arnold on Republicanism in Ohio.

New complications appeared in the Democratic mayoralty situation yesterday when Peter Witt announced he intended to ask the Democratic executive committee to manage his campaign. Witt, who started with an Eva Tanguayesque attitude of not caring what the Democratic committee did, has now become almost a party regular.

Some of the members of the committee, who would not have their names used for the world, expressed a doubt yesterday as to the ability of the committee to conduct Witt's campaign under the "packing house rules" which he said in his speech Tuesday he wanted used.

"However," one of the executive committeemen explained, "when Witt tells us exactly what he means by 'packing house rules,' we can then decide whether we want to follow them or not."

Witt said his platform would be issued in the form of separate statements from time to time. It is possible the packing house part of his campaign will then be developed. Some persons thought possibly Witt referred to the way passengers are packed in the street cars under his management.

"Will you ask the committee to manage your campaign?" Witt was asked.

"I will," he said.

Gibson Finds Other Candidate.

Witt's declaration will be re-

ceived by the faction that is credited with putting him in the race was a problem last night. This faction is understood to be definitely opposed to the controlling element in the committee and whether the Witt backers' desire to get Witt elected will make them stomach the committee is not yet known.

Meanwhile, David Gibson, the editor of the Ground Hog, who has served notice on Witt that unless the candidate spoke for single tax publicly another candidate would be entered who would do so, has discovered the other candidate. Gibson said yesterday the other candidate was ready to enter in case of necessity. He is not telling who the other candidate is.

"I will have a representative at all of Witt's meetings," Gibson said. "When I am convinced Witt is neglecting to talk taxation the other candidate will be entered. We are watching him."

Sulzmann Stays in Race.

John M. Sulzmann, the other Democratic candidate, was sticking in the race last night, although handicapped by a severe cold.

Witt's declaration that the committee would handle his campaign was taken to settle the council slate question. Witt in the past has opposed committee slates, but it has been the invariable custom of the party organization to have them.



## BAKER SAYS CITIES HAVE STATE CLAIM

Asserts System of Regulating Taxes is Not Up-to-Date.

Cleveland Delegation Appears Before Legislative Body.

Plain Dealer Bureau, 44 E. Broad-st., COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 11.

Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, in discussing home rule in taxation before the legislative committee on municipalities tonight, told the committee that under the theory that the state is the parent government and the cities are the children, the children are in a position to sue the parent for nonsupport. And the counsel for the plaintiff, the mayor said, is the Ohio Municipal league.

The Cleveland mayor said when the state was organized and the cities were infants it was all right for the state government to take over the power to regulate the expenditures of the municipalities, the tax rate and the amounts. But, he said, these cities have so developed and are doing such a variety of things not contemplated in the early days that the system formed then is not logical now.

He suggested that provision be made for home rule in municipal expenditures for the ultimate relief of the cities and that constitutional remedies should be prepared so that there would result a local determination of local levies.

Among those in the Cleveland party were Mayo Fesler, John D. Fackler, City Law Director John N. Stockwell and Finance Director Thomas Coughlin.

Other speakers were Stewart L. Tatum, chairman of the commission to investigate municipal revenues, which recently returned a report to the assembly, and Clarence D. Laylin, special counsel in the attorney general's office, who spoke on the apportionment of revenue and expenditure between state and local governments.

Prof. H. L. Lutz of Oberlin criticized certain phases of the tax laws in his discussion of taxation of corporations, John Z. White of Chicago spoke on taxation of land values, and there was an address by Rev. Washington Gladden, the league's president.

## SENTIMENT FAVORS MEALS FOR MAYOR

Turns Toward Appeals Judge Who Addresses Republicans in Lakewood.

Congressman-Elect Lays Jobless Situation on Democrats.

A strong undercurrent of sentiment in favor of booming Appellate Judge Walter D. Meals as Republican candidate for mayor of Cleveland revealed itself at the Lincoln birthday banquet of the Lakewood Republican committee last night.

Judge Meals was the principal speaker at a gathering of 150 politicians and prominent citizens held in the cozy club rooms of the Lakewood M. E. church, Detroit and Summit-avs, Lakewood, but contrary to expectation, he did not make a single allusion to politics, national, state or city, except in a jocular way, in his half-hour talk.

Judge Meals' story of the life of Abraham Lincoln was a masterpiece of poetical phrasing, anecdotal illustration and graceful tribute.

"If we accord first place in a galaxy of great names to Washington as the founder of the republic, we must give second place to Lincoln as its preserver," he declared at the outset.

The speaker quoted typical Lincoln proverbs and epigrams and narrated many stories to convey his impressions of the dominant characteristics and traits in the life of the national hero.

Kipling's couplet "Mother o' Mine" was quoted to illustrate the influence of Abraham Lincoln's mother in molding the character of the man. Lincoln's strength, his high conception of freedom, his humanity, his mercy, sagacity, quaint humor, ready wit, biting sarcasm and prophetic vision were all illustrated in apt stories.

"The memory of Lincoln," Judge Meals said, "is the strongest and tenderest tie that binds us together and holds the states under the flag of nation."

Lieut. Gov. John H. Arnold, giving the toast "The State of Ohio," declared Ohio would furnish the next president of the United States.

Congressman-elect Henry I. Emerson, toasting "The Republican Party in the Nation," referred to President Wilson's Indianapolis declaration "prosperity is at the portal."

Mr. Emerson asserted President Wilson had bolted the portal against prosperity and charged the Democratic administration with being largely responsible for the unemployment in the country.

Clayton W. Tyler, mayor of Lakewood, spoke of Lakewood's prosperity. Robert G. Curren, Lakewood city solicitor, was toastmaster. The committee in charge were:

Lakewood Republican committee, Eurt A. Miller, chairman; R. C. Hyre, treasurer; M. J. Walther, secretary; entertainment committee, Walter F. Miller, chairman; M. J. Walther, A. C. Summerell; reception committee, Clayton W. Tyler, O. W. Carpenter, Walter F. Miller, James B. Ruhl, Burt A. Miller.

One hundred and forty-five members of the East End Democratic club, meeting last night in Ulmann's hall, 1400 E. 55th-st, indorsed for reelection Councilman Adam Damm of the twenty-third ward and Councilman George Meyers of the twenty-second.

A booster speech for Mr. Damm, Mr. Meyers and Mayoralty Candidate Peter Witt was made by County Clerk Edmund B. Haserodt.

Republican precinct committeemen are expected to indorse Harry L. Davis for mayor when they meet at Republican headquarters, Wilshire building, Superior-av N. W., next Saturday night.

Much comment has been aroused in Republican circles by the fact that this meeting has been called by

George B. Harris, chairman of the county committee.

Mr. Harris lives in East Cleveland and prominent Republicans are asking why county officials should call city precinct men together or, indeed, should bother their heads about the Cleveland mayoralty situation so long as there is a city committee to take care of purely city matters. A. N. Rodway is chairman of the Republican city committee.

"Taxation" will be the subject of an address Peter Witt is to deliver at Middlefield, O., tomorrow afternoon.

"I shall range over the whole gamut of taxation, single tax included," Mr. Witt told single taxer friends yesterday.

The taxation talk will be given to the men's class of the Methodist Episcopal church at Middlefield. The invitation was extended to Mr. Witt by Rev. H. D. Southard, pastor of the church.

## PROCURES \$76,451 TO ASSIST JOBLESS

Commission Will Hear Report Today on 'Share a Day's Earnings' Move.

Work is Being Given to Men Who Have Others to Support.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the Cleveland unemployment commission, worked all yesterday and late last night preparing a report of the "share a day's earnings" campaign to submit to the commission and to the citizens' committee of 100, which meets at noon today in The Hollenden.

Mr. Burns will report a total fund of \$76,451.84. This is the way it is divided:

1706 individual givers	\$17,102.88
112 firms	4,882.00
258 groups of employees	27,891.21
Nine banks	2,675.00
Pledges unpaid (six concerns)	2,915.00
Received previous to campaign	20,985.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$76,451.84</b>

Contributions from thirteen individual givers and nine groups of employees, received yesterday amounted to \$438.01. This sum is included in the total to be reported today.

Unpaid pledges are those of the May Co., Society for Savings, First National bank, Garfield Savings bank, the Lindner Co. and a portion of the Bailey Co. contribution.

The commission is to give official approval of the work started on eleven park and boulevard improvement jobs. Cards were mailed to 750 men last night telling them to report Monday morning on these jobs. Payment will be made from the "share a day's earnings" fund.

Of 1,100 men investigated by settlement workers in co-operation with the commission and the state-city bureau 800 were found destitute and deserving of immediate work. The other 300, for the most part, were found to be in the same condition, but many either were unmarried or had wives across the ocean. The fund is not large enough to care for these.

W. F. Hennessy, superintendent of the state-city bureau, said yesterday afternoon the number of jobs offered through the bureau has fallen off from nearly 200 to thirty a day since the fund has been procured.

Socialists a mass meeting last night at Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st, adopted two sets of resolutions bearing on the unemployment situation in Cleveland and the nation.

One set, addressed to Mayor Newton D. Baker and city council, asks that \$500,000 be raised by the administration to furnish food and clothing for the unemployed and to proceed at once with public improvements. This resolution reads:

Knowing that it is impossible to artificially create work to at once give employment to all unemployed workers, we pro-

pose that the mayor and council use resources of the city and raise at least \$500,000 to be used for the following purposes:

To establish eating places in various sections of the city at which those in need may be served with food.

To establish eating places adjacent to or in public schools to supply proper food to children of the unemployed.

To establish relief stations to supply clothing, fuel and to make provision for housing of the unemployed.

We demand in addition that the mayor and council at once proceed with those public improvements which have so often been mentioned in connection with the relief of the unemployed, but which have thus far not been started, so that work may be given to as many workers as possible.

The second set of resolutions will

be sent to President Wilson and congress, asking that precedence be given to legislation along the following lines:

That a comprehensive system of federal, state and municipal free employment agencies be established.

That every possible line of public work owned and operated by the government be at once extended and new ones opened so as to give work to the unemployed.

That provisions be made for loans by the government to the states and municipalities at a rate of interest sufficient only to cover the cost of handling the money.

That congress proceed at once to put in operation a national system of unemployment insurance.

## NO FLICKLACKELS? IT'S TOUGH, VELY, VELY TOUGH

Mayor Baker Sayee No 'Splosions, but John Will Celebrate New Year Allee Samee.

It's mighty tough on the spirit of the deceased Confucius and the throng of ethereal ancestors going to sup today at the altars of Cleveland Chinatown in celebration of the Chinese new year which dawned last midnight.

All on account of the anti-pyrotechnic proclivity of Mayor Newton D. Baker, the heavenly guests are going to be harassed by flocks of evil specters.

On every temple and grocery shrine cups of tea and bowls of food will stand for the refreshment of the psychic guests. There will be sweet-smelling incense from altar braziers to scare away the evil flock, and the musicians with gong and shrill-stringed chords will do their best.

But every Chinese knows that popping firecrackers alone will terrorize the evil spirits that are perpetually annoying the ghosts of the departed. Mayor Baker has said there will be no popping of firecrackers this new year.

Chinese, accordingly, have bravely piled stacks of firecrackers about the altars. But the bad ghost, "he cannot see, he only hear."

## DIRECT LABOR COSTLY BUT GETS NEW TRIAL

Mayor Baker and board of control members sanctioned another trial of direct labor Friday. They granted Safety Director Benesch permission to hire painters at \$4 a day to re-finish the interiors of the Woodland-E. 79th and Euclid-E. 105th police precinct stations.

Bids received for the work were too high, according to Benesch, who hopes to save \$1,500 on several like jobs.

Where tried before—on the Division ave. filter plant excavation, Forest Hill speedway and Fairview reservoir leveling and Bulkley blvd. grading—direct labor has been far more expensive than contracting, city officials admit.



## REPUBLICANS AT FEAST JOIN FOR PARTY HARMONY

Judge Walter Meals Receives Tremendous Ovation From Lakewood Citizens at Lincoln Day Banquet.

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ATTACKS COX SYSTEM

Congressman-Elect Emerson Riddles Speech Made by President at Indianapolis.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Three hundred Lakewood Republicans cemented party harmony and gave a tremendous ovation to Judge Walter D. Meals at a Lincoln banquet in the Lakewood Methodist church last night.

Every party pledge of retrenchment and efficiency will be kept to the letter by the state administration, Lieutenant Governor John H. Arnold told the diners. Responsibility for the present business depression was laid squarely at the door of the Democratic party by Congressman-elect Henry I. Emerson.

#### Receives Warm Reception.

Judge Meals, introduced by Toastmaster Robert G. Curren, as the man who made it legally possible to build the high level bridge, was cheered for several minutes when he arose to deliver the Lincoln address of the evening. His speech, an eloquent exposition of Lincoln's part in the country's history, was frequently interrupted by applause.

The banquet signalized the unity of factions in Lakewood Republicanism. Leaders of all elements of the party were present.

Mayor Clayton Tyler, who spoke briefly, and Chairman Burt A. Mills, of the Lakewood committee, who were apart last year, cemented their differences and are now friendly. Burt Mills, who has been a Progressive, sent a telegram to the banquet to say that only in a united Republicanism could the prosperity of the United States be restored.

#### Links Lincoln and Washington.

Judge Meals linked Lincoln and Washington as the twin heroes of our national history. He told many anecdotes of Lincoln's life.

"Lincoln became President of the nation in the most trying period of all its history," the judge said. "Lincoln's first concern was for the union. If it was necessary to destroy slavery to save the union, he would destroy that hateful institution. He called the friends of liberty to the flag. He climbed the heights of statesmanship when he uttered that profound truth that in giving liberty to the slave, we insured freedom to the free."

"The memory of Lincoln is the strongest tie that holds the states under the union," he concluded.

#### Arnold Makes Prediction.

Lieutenant Governor Arnold declared that the next President would be an Ohioan. He said that 300 bills had been introduced in the House and 170 in the Senate.

"The garbage can will get a large proportion of those bills," Arnold said. "No freak bills will be passed by this legislature. There will be no

Cox laws or rubbish laws this winter."

Arnold urged that work for unemployed be provided by building cottages at state institutions.

Charges made by the Republicans concerning state departments in the last campaign had been proved by investigations not yet made public, Arnold declared.

#### Riddles Wilson's Speech.

Emerson riddled President Wilson's Indianapolis speech. He picked out a statement by Wilson to the effect that prosperity is at the portal.

"But Wilson barred the portal," Emerson said.

The congressman-elect spoke of the business depression and unemployment.

He said the Democratic administration had put the scale of national expenditures \$215,000,000 a year higher than what the Baltimore platform said was extravagance.

Chairman Miller arranged the banquet and met Arnold at the train. The reception committee consisted of Mayor Tyler, O. W. Carpenter, W. F. Miller, James B. Ruhl and B. A. Miller.

## TRACK RENEWAL ON LARGE SCALE IS NOW PLANNED

Council Soon to Be Asked to Authorize Expenditure of Nearly \$840,000 for Construction.

Renewal of twenty-one miles of street railway track is planned by the Cleveland Railway Company this year. Five miles of track should also be resurfaced, in the opinion of engineers of the company.

Track renewals cost slightly less than \$40,000 per mile, and the city council will shortly be asked to authorize expenditures for this purpose.

Relaying of rails and ties on Cedar ave., from E. 70th st. to Fairmount blvd., is one of the largest renewals to be undertaken. Fifteen and a quarter miles of track were relaid last year.

#### List of Renewals.

Other renewals which will be made if recommendations of the company are approved, include:

E. 9th st., Prospect to Woodland ave.; Detroit ave., W. 25th to W. 53rd st.; E. 34th st., Orange to Pittsburg ave.; E. 115th st., Euclid to Wade Park ave.; Fulton rd., Trent to Lorain ave.; Hamm ave., Broadway to Doloff ave.; Kinsman rd., E. 93d st. to old city limits; Lake ave., Detroit ave. to Lake Shore railroad; Miles ave., Broadway to Corlett; Madison ave., W. 100th st. to Berea rd.; Orange ave., Broadway to E. 34th st.; Ontario st., Public Square to Lakeside ave.; Quincy ave., Newburg & South Shore railroad to Woodhill rd.; St. Clair ave., W. 2d st. to W. 9th st.; St. Clair ave., E. 21st to E. 23d st.; W. 9th st., St. Clair to Superior ave.; W. 25th st., Lorain ave. to Big Four railroad; W. 25th st., Potters ct. to Sackett ave.

#### May Ask for Turbine Generators.

The company may ask the city to authorize the spending of \$200,000 for turbine generators for utilizing exhaust steam for the manufacture of electricity. A contract with the Cleveland Salt Company for supplying exhaust steam expires July 1 and may not be renewed. Conferences on this subject are being held by President Stanley and Street Railway Commissioner Witt.

## M'GINTY PLANS AMENDMENT TO TENEMENT CODE

Councilman Announces He Will Continue Fight to Remove Certain Sections From Resolution.

Opposition to the proposed tenement house code will be continued by Councilman McGinty when the ordinance comes up for final passage Monday night, in spite of modifications agreed upon by Director of Law Stockwell and the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

McGinty has prepared a long list of amendments which he will submit to the council. He declared yesterday that he was not opposed to the code, but was fighting sections which would drive hundreds of families from their homes and would increase rentals.

Stockwell and Attorney E. A. Hahn, representing the housing committee which framed the code, agreed to amendments to allow repairs to buildings in the inner fire limits, where the new code forces additional ventilation.

Under the code the commissioner of buildings could order better ventilation, and then would be prohibited from issuing a permit by sections of the building code which bar repairs to buildings in the inner fire limits.

Stockwell will hold that the code is not retroactive when these sections are changed, and will send it to the council Monday night. President Thompson and Councilman Horrigan will aid McGinty in his fight.

## Plain Deal Sunday Feb. MOVE TO PREVENT JOBLESS PROBLEM

Members of Unemployment Committee Hope to Bar Recurring Situation.

Find 'Share a Day's Wages' Will Reach Total of \$78,112.60.

One tangible result to accrue from the work of the unemployment commission will be the merging of a subcommittee of the commission with the Cleveland Welfare council to make an exhaustive study of the unemployment problem with the ultimate view of preventing its recurrence.

Action of the commission in session yesterday noon at The Hollenden with members of the citizens' committee of 100, which conducted the "share-a-day's-earnings" campaign, assured this step.

Charles E. Adams, chairman of the citizens' committee, who stated that "if employers and employees assume their respective responsibilities, the present situation will never recur—almost never," suggested a committee of five or seven members of the commission be appointed to make use of information gained in the last six weeks of causes and possible remedies for a situation like the present one to recommend to the community how to avoid another like occurrence.

Mr. Adams asked Mayor Newton D. Baker, present at the meeting, for his opinion. The mayor said, in suggesting action with the welfare council:

"Experience gained by this commission should not be allowed to pass without some permanent results. It is a thing worth trying. The welfare council should co-ordinate with a committee from the commission to seek a reserve air cushion to meet in the future a shock like the one we are undergoing."

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, said the large thing to be accomplished must be done by the employer; that speeding up in factories and seasonal occupations must be reduced to a minimum; and that a campaign of inter-education must be indulged in by employers and employees.

The first public accounting of funds received by the commission was made by Secretary Allen T. Burns of the commission. Taking account of \$825 received yesterday, unpaid pledges of \$2,815 and \$916.26 from the women's committee for the women's work room, the total is \$78,112.60.

Expenses of the "give-a-job" campaign were \$290 and of the "share-a-day's earnings" campaign, \$813.21. Chairman F. H. Goff stated, despite the protest of Mayor Baker, that this expense will be borne by several members of the commission, in order to leave the fund intact for the giving of work.

Col. J. J. Sullivan, treasurer of the commission, reported \$5,731.46 has already been paid out of the fund in giving work.

Fourteen park and boulevard improvement jobs were approved. Pete Hassenpflue, business agent of the painters' union, raised a question about the propriety of spending money on two of the jobs. One was for grading at City hospital, the other for grading at the new city hall. Mayor Baker replied the administration had no money in sight for either.

The jobs outlined will furnish 27,630 full days work to unemployed. At least 750 men will be kept at work constantly, weather permitting. Shifts will work alternate weeks.

Of 1,288 men, registered at the state-city employment bureau as destitute, but ten cases were found not worthy of work.



# MAYOR BAKER WILL TILT RING LID IF BILL DOESN'T PASS

Word From Politicians Is That City Commission Plan Will Be Given a Tryout in Cleveland if Legislature Fails to Legalize Boxing.

## PROMOTERS OF AMATEUR SHOWS FIND POLICE REGULATIONS HURT ATTENDANCE

BY H. T. M'DANIEL.  
WORD from headquarters is that even if the state boxing bill doesn't get by the legislature and Governor Willis, there's a very good chance that the professional game will be thrown open to Clevelanders.  
Of course Mayor Baker, as long as the state bill is up for consideration, isn't permitting himself to be interviewed on his plans, but the tip is that if the legislature doesn't pass the boxing bill he will fall back on his city commission, appointed some months ago. The mayor never acted on the recommendations made by this commission, shifting the responsibility to the legislature at about the time he determined not to be a candidate for re-election.  
Mayor Baker, it is said, is convinced that boxing under proper regulations is deserving of a trial here in Cleveland. Of course he'd prefer that the legislature pass the bill and thus provide for a state commission, but if this isn't done, it is said, he's willing to pry off the lid and allow around, no-decision contests.

# MAYOR PLANS REGULAR FUND TO ASSIST IDLE

Permanent Foundation to Furnish Work Suggested by Baker at Meeting of Unemployment Commission.

## LOS ANGELES SCHEME IS CITED AS A MODEL

Taxing on Basis of New Duplicate Would Make Plan Feasible, He Says.

Plans for establishing a permanent fund for the relief of unemployed were suggested at the final meeting of the mayor's unemployment commission yesterday. A review of the work accomplished was presented and the future work of the commission turned over to the Cleveland Welfare Council.

At the close of the meeting the commission adjourned to meet again at the call of the president. It was expected that there would be no necessity for another meeting for at least six weeks, when open weather is expected to relieve the situation still further.

### Planned as Last Resort.

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Holdings of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley railroad, including a ninety-nine-year lease given by the city on Ohio canal property within the city limits, are to be transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

This developed at a meeting of the city council last night when railroad officials made application to transfer the lease. Transfer of the right-of-way lease marks a step in the formal merging of the two railroads, according to Director of Law Stockwell.

Reopening of litigation between the state of Ohio and the railroads over the canal property leased by the city may result from the proposed transfer. Councilman Gahn announced that he would demand a full report from railroad officials on the proposed merger.

Leased for \$265,000.

The canal property extends from the Superior viaduct to a point about three miles south and is occupied by the tracks of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley Company. It was leased by the city in 1879 for \$265,000 in bonds, after the state had surrendered the land for highway purposes.

In 1908 the state brought ouster proceedings against the railroad, claiming that the land should revert to the state, if not used for street purposes. The case was decided against the state in the supreme court, after the attorney general's office had been victorious in the lower courts.

The lease on the railroad property expires in 1978. W. T. Lechlides, superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio, said last night that the Baltimore & Ohio was taking over all of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley Company's holdings. At the time of the litigation the Baltimore & Ohio owned nine-tenths of the stock and half of the bonds of the other company.

Phone Complaint Bureau Urged.

Council members were urged by Director of Public Service Sidlo to authorize the establishment of a bureau for receipt and adjustment of telephone complaints. Sidlo's recommendation for a central bureau accompanied a report of an investigation made by the state public utilities commission of complaints made by Dr. W. L. Gordon, 2256 E. 105th st.

Sidlo said that telephone service had not been free from just complaint since the council complained to the state public utilities commission a year ago. At times it warranted the bitter criticism made against it, he said. The specific complaint of Dr. Gordon is a matter for the courts or possibly the utilities commission, according to the director. The council deferred action on Sidlo's suggestion.

The meeting was marked by a bitter fight upon the proposed tenement house code by Councilman McGinty who offered forty-five amendments.

The code, together with McGinty's amendments, was referred back to a special committee.

Criticizes Uplifters.

McGinty branded the code as the work of "wild-eyed uplifters," and said that its framers knew nothing of actual living conditions in parts of the city most affected by the legislation.

He charged the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce with trying to convey a false impression of what it was doing and said that enforcement of the code would throw half of the Ninth ward into the streets.

McGinty's amendments were aimed chiefly at sections of the code which apply to present buildings. Other amendments would allow the water supply to be located in the yard, would make fire escapes on two-story buildings unnecessary, would take single houses from the tenement class under all conditions, and would eliminate license features.

Clash on Lien Law.

Councilmen clashed over the proposal to petition the General Assembly not to repeal the mechanics' lien law. Councilman Bernstein charged that the present law was drawn by building material dealers and did not protect workingmen.

Councilman Stanton, plumber, came out flatly against the proposed ordinance to place examination of plumbers in the hands of the city civil service commission. Licenses are now issued by a plumbing board, which system should be continued, Stanton says. The ordinance regulating employment agencies was reconsidered, to correct a typographical error, and passed under suspension of the rules.

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Chairman George B. Harris, of the Republican central committee, will send out the call for the meeting today. The call will set the Wilshire building as the place of the caucus. It will be signed by Harris and C. F. Wetzel, secretary, and was given to the printer yesterday.

Whether "packing house rules," such as are to be used by Peter Witt in his campaign, according to his announcement, will prevail at the meeting could not be forecasted.

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"Why not hire nonunion men?" inquired Director of Public Service Sidlo. "Yes, why not?" added Mayor Baker. "It puts the city in an absurd position to allow a union to say whether we shall do work direct or by contract."

At Baker's request, no action was taken on the repeal of the resolution.

the Davis forces at a luncheon in a private room at Weber's casino, 242 Superior ave. yesterday noon. Davis, William S. FitzGerald, Maurice Maschke, Henry A. Beckerman, member of the board of elections, Harris and Councilman Bernstein were said to have been the men at the luncheon. All are prominent in Republican politics. Harris is to be chairman of the meeting, it is understood.

An announcement that the meeting is called to learn the sentiment of the city from the committeemen will be made, it is expected. It is also believed a motion to indorse Davis will be made.

Norton conferred with many of his lieutenants yesterday afternoon at his office in the Society for Savings building. He said that he did not know whether or not he would attend the meeting personally.

"There will be a fight to prevent an indorsement, you can bet on that," declared Ferd Eggers, former state senator, who is one of Norton's enthusiastic backers.

Clubs to be Merged.

Steps looking toward a union of the Western Reserve Club and the Tippecanoe Club will be taken Thursday night at a meeting of the Western Reserve. Some time ago the Western Reserve Club appointed a committee to take up with the Tipps the question of joining forces. The directors of the Tippecanoe Club have sent a letter to President F. A. Starstedt, of the Western Reserve Club, saying that the entire board of directors will take up the subject. This letter will be acted on at the meeting.

Kilbane "Stumped."

An attempt to have Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, define "packing house rules," which Peter Witt told the Democratic organization he intends to use, failed yesterday. Kilbane, while not in politics, has been considered a student of rules of the prize ring, and it was thought that possibly he might know what Witt was driving at.

"You'll have to ask someone else," the champion said.

First ward Democrats have decided that Timothy Long, at present an employee in the county auditor's office, will be their organization candidate for council.

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## SEES POOR PERILED IN TENEMENT CODE

Councilman Brands Authors of Measure as 'Wild-Eyed Uplifters.'

Members War Over Proposed Repeal of Mechanics Lien Act.

An attack on the pending tenement house code was launched at last night's council meeting by Councilman J. J. McGinty with the introduction of forty-five amendments and a speech assailing the Chamber of Commerce as author of the measure.

Authors of the ordinance were characterized as "wild eyed uplifters" who were trying to force legislation that would drive poor people into the streets.

Councilman McGinty was followed by Councilman J. W. Reynolds who said:

"The question is are we going to legislate for the landlords or for the poor people who are forced to live in these buildings? Are we going to continue these conditions or will we give these people fresh air and sunlight?"

The McGinty amendments seek to have the code become effective Jan. 1, 1916, instead of June 1 of this year, to strike out the license provisions of the ordinance and to change requirements affecting bedroom dimensions. The provision requiring fire escapes on two-story buildings and other features are stricken out of the ordinance by this amendment. The amendments were referred to the spe-



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## HENNESSY'S PAY CUT AFTER HE'S DONE BIG WORK

**Employment Agency Head to Fight; Pleads More Men Be Given Jobs Quickly.**

Members of the General Assembly appropriations committee at Columbus hit the Cleveland city-state free employment bureau Tuesday in their policy of retrenchment. They pared the salary of W. F. Hennessy, superintendent, a state civil service appointee, from \$1,800 to \$1,500, and that of E. L. Brady, first assistant, from \$1,500 to \$1,200.

Hennessy and Brady termed the salary cuts a "disheartening slap in the face," and practically decided to go before the committee, if necessary, to fight for the former salary scale. Pressure also will be brought to bear through the state industrial committee, to which Hennessy is responsible. It is probable neither will stay at the lower figure.

"It seems very inopportune to cut salaries here immediately after we proved we were on the job in the unemployed campaign," Hennessy declared. "We've put the local office on the map."

Hennessy recently has been the target of much abuse from private employment agency proprietors because he pushed a council ordinance licensing the agencies and tightening regulations.

Social workers investigating for Mayor Baker's unemployment commission find there are still 750 heads of needy families in the city who are out of work and destitute.

Hennessy urged Tuesday that the number of men put to work in the parks by means of the \$78,000 relief fund be doubled. The unemployed situation is most acute now, he said, while an early spring will lessen the necessity of public work.

Public meetings and research work to help prevent a recurrence of the present unemployed situation will be arranged by a special committee to be picked by the nonemployment commission from a list of fifteen Clevelanders submitted Tuesday by the welfare council. Federal, state and city employment agencies, social and unemployment insurance and seasonable occupations will be studied.

## COUNCIL MAY DEMAND B. & O. TRANSFER DATA

Superintendent W. T. Lechliden, of the B. & O., explained Tuesday the road's action in asking council to transfer to the B. & O. the lease on Ohio canal property within the city limits, given in 1879 to the Cleveland Terminal & Valley Company, is an incident to the former's taking over the latter road.

Unless further explanation is forthcoming, Councilman Gahn said Tuesday, he will ask the B. & O. to make a complete report on the transaction to council. The Terminal & Valley road gave the city \$265,000 for a ninety-nine-year lease on the canal property which has been surrendered by the state.

## What Council Did Monday Night

City council Monday night transacted the following business:

Turned down amendment to proposed poolroom ordinance fixing closing hour at 1 a. m. instead of midnight.

Referred amendments to proposed tenement code.

Passed ordinance to regulate private employment agencies.

Received resolution to transfer licensing of plumbers to civil service board.

Authorized annexation of part of Brooklyn village.

Authorized expenditure of \$32,500 for purchase of land for sewage disposal plant at White City.

Passed ordinance to add 10 detectives to police force.

Passed resolution protesting against state bill to repeal mechanics lien law.

Received letters from socialists urging appropriation of \$500,000 to relieve destitute unemployed.

Heard report of Director Sidlo suggesting establishment of bureau to supervise and inspect telephone service.

## CUT MAY DRIVE HENNESSY OUT

The state-city employment bureau may lose the services of Commissioner Hennessy as a result of the proposal of the state to slice \$300 from his salary, reducing it to \$1500 a year.

It is also proposed to cut the salary of E. L. Brady, Hennessy's assistant, from \$1500 to \$1200.

Both said Tuesday they had not decided what to do.

There is said to be a possibility that the city may make up the difference in the salaries of the two men, but this is regarded as doubtful because council appropriated only \$4055 for the bureau.

Hennessy has been a leader in the work to relieve unemployment.

With \$79,200 in the unemployment fund, Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, Tuesday said half-time work for 1500 men is assured until April 1.

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## WITT TO RUN FREE OF COUNCIL SLATE

**Mayoralty Candidate to Deviate From Johnson-Baker Precedent.**

**Discharged Factory Inspector Asks Cause of Removal.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt will not have a slate of candidates for council.

The street railway commissioner will not follow the precedents set by Tom L. Johnson and Mayor Newton D. Baker in this particular. For the first time since before Mr. Johnson's day, a Democrat backed by the Democratic organization will run for mayor without a preferred list of councilmanic entries.

This word was passed definitely yesterday, although Mr. Witt declined to verify it.

Tom L. Johnson had a council ticket in each of his campaigns. So did Mayor Baker.

Mr. Witt, in deciding not to sponsor a ticket, is standing pat on the attitude he has expressed for years. He consistently opposed the idea of picking a council list when Mr. Johnson was alive, and frequently voiced the same opinion to Mayor Baker.

"I glory in the tickets you put up, Tom, but it's you choosing the candidates and not the people, and that isn't my idea of democracy," he was wont to say to Mr. Johnson, it was related yesterday.

It is more than likely the Democratic organization, as represented in Democratic ward clubs, will have its choices, and in waging the Witt campaign will push the campaigns of selected councilmanic candidates. Mr. Witt will not object if the organization advances a picked list. His will be simply a hands off policy.

Mrs. Ada M. Tooth, deputy state inspector of workshops and factories here, who Monday received a letter from Columbus stating the industrial commission had instructed that she be asked to resign, yesterday wrote Thomas Kearns, chief inspector, inquiring the reasons for the request.

She explained she thought that because she had served more than five consecutive years, she was protected by civil service, and entitled to know why her resignation was asked.

The Cuyahoga County Progressive club is to meet tonight at 737 Prospect-av S. E.



Thursday.  
**COUNCILMAN ASKS  
CITY TO OPERATE  
JITNEY BUS LINE**

**Reynolds Proposes Municipal  
Ownership as Stanley De-  
clares War on Privately  
Owned System.**

**Peter Witt Says Motor Ve-  
hicles Can't Compete With  
Street Railway 3-Cent  
Fare.**

**ISSUE OF BONDS FOR  
PROJECT IS FAVORED**

**\$5,000,000 Would Cover  
Cost, Head of Railway  
Committee Thinks.**

Municipal ownership by Cleveland of a complete system of jitney busses was proposed yesterday by Councilman J. W. Reynolds, member of the council committee on street railways.

The suggestion followed hard on the heels of a declaration of war by President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. against any privately operated jitney bus system that might enter the Cleveland transportation field.

He asserted the railway company would start 3-cent jitney busses and give 5-cent jitney bus backers a brand of competition that would put them out of business.

With these developments, and while Mayor Newton D. Baker and Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt were predicting the jitney bus would not become a reality in Cleveland because of the practical difficulty of competing with 3-cent fare, Harry E. Johnson of the Johnson Sightseeing Co. said he expected to go right ahead with plans for forming a \$100,000 company to put jitney busses in operation within the next six months.

**Mentions London System.**

Councilman Reynolds, in advancing his municipal ownership idea, referred to the situation in London, where a privately owned auto bus concern has nearly wiped out the business of the municipally owned tramway system. The councilman's proposal would mean that city owned auto busses would compete with the street railway company.

"A \$5,000,000 investment on the part of the city would settle the question just as it has been settled in London by a private corporation that has beaten out the tramway system with a modern system of auto busses," he said. "This company owns its own factory and charging stations. Cleveland should do the same."

"I don't believe private companies should be allowed to come in here and ruin our pavements. They should not be allowed to commercialize the pavements in that manner. If some company wishes to make a proposition to the city on a basis of contributing toward the cost of upkeep of pave-

ments, the council should give it consideration. But I believe the city would be in a better position if it considered the auto bus proposition as a municipal enterprise and issued bonds to pay for an entire system."

President Stanley said the advent of jitney busses would mean street car fare would go kiting unless the project was checked. He pointed out figures showing that the daily receipts of jitney busses in Los Angeles were \$8,400.

**Says He'll Lower Fare.**

"Think I'm going to let anybody take \$8,000 a day out of the street railway company's receipts?" he asked. "We'll put jitney busses on the same routes that the other fellow does, charge 3 cents, and give transfers from busses to cars and from cars to busses. And we'll start them

the moment the first jitney bus turns the corner."

Mr. Stanley indicated he expected the city to support him in his plan, for the sake of 3-cent fare.

Commissioner Witt, however, asserted the company never could compete. The commissioner was not inclined to discuss the question of jitney busses as an immediate problem to be given careful consideration. Neither was Mayor Baker.

Mr. Witt said the city would be foolish to allow jitney busses to begin operation.

"The transportation business is a natural monopoly, and should be so governed," he averred. "Competition in a monopoly means greater expenditure of money and eventually the consumer must pay. I don't think an auto can compete with a street car, but if it can, goodbye to the street railway companies everywhere."

He added that if a jitney bus system should be launched, the railway company could not compete, because it has an investment of \$30,000,000 to care for, while a jitney bus concern would have little capital at stake.

"If a jitney bus system started and it wasn't practical, it would fall of its own weight within a month," he said. "But if the company competed, it would have the added expense of the busses without any increase in receipts, and if it paid, it would be demonstrating that an auto can compete with a street car, which would mean the end of street railways."

City officials expressed the opinion that the city, by imposing strict traffic regulations, could make the operation of jitney busses impossible, and block their introduction.

A jitney bus proprietor would have to obtain from the city a license such as is required of owners of all motors used for revenue purposes, it was said at the city hall.

There was talk that one way to move against the jitney bus would be to make new license requirements and fees, applicable to that sort of vehicle only. Councilman R. J. Koch, chairman of the council committee on street railways, said no suggestion for such legislation had been made to him.

A laugh went around among city officials yesterday afternoon as someone spread a story that if the Cleveland Railway Co. went into the jitney bus business it was the intention of company heads to hire Joseph H. Alexander, chief engineer in the street railway commissioner's office, to manage the system, and to give him the title of "Jitney Joe."

**ACT TO WIPE OUT  
CITY DEATH GRADES**

**Councilmen to Suggest Special  
Bond Election to Get  
Ample Funds.**

**Would Reduce Cleveland's  
Percentage in Cost of  
Elimination.**

Every grade crossing death trap in Cleveland will be wiped out in 1916 if measures to be submitted at the coming meeting of city council by Councilmen W. L. Wagner and William Tack are approved by voters of Cleveland.

Resolutions authorizing a special election Nov. 2 on the question of issuing bonds for the completion of the Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate grade crossings on the East Side at a cost of \$4,253,000 will be introduced at the request of the Woodland-E. Seventy-ninth Street Improvement association.

It was proposed yesterday at the city engineer's office that additional death traps on the West Side and in the South End be cared for at the same time, bringing the total cost of the contemplated improvement to \$5,000,000.

If the council and state legislature take up a plan to be proposed by Councilman Wagner, the city's share of the cost of this improvement will be reduced from 35 per cent. to 25 per cent. Mr. Wagner will propose the council committee on legislation work for an amendment to the law which requires the railroads to pay 65 per cent. of the cost of grade crossing eliminations.

The city's share of the cost of separating grades of the Nickel Plate and Pennsylvania crossings would be \$1,400,000 unless the law is amended.

Along the Pennsylvania line the Central, Quincy, Platt, Woodland, E. 79th-st and Holton-av S. E. crossings are to be cared for. Important grade crossings elimination work along the Nickel Plate to be done includes the separation of grades at E. 89th-st, E. 79th-st, Buckeye-rd, Woodland-av, Grand-av and Kinsman-rd. Some of this work must be done at the entire expense of the railroad.

The city is about to commence work on the separation of West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate. The improvement will cost about \$2,500,000 and will give work to hundreds of unemployed persons.

**SEES MEALS LOOM  
AS MASCHKE'S MAN**

**Farquharson Declares Jurist  
is Sought as Compromise  
Mayoralty Candidate.**

**Republicans Here Think  
Ruhl's Successor Will  
be Clevelander.**

**BY WALKER S. BUEL.**

That Maurice Maschke is maneuvering to bring about the ultimate selection of Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals as a compromise Republican mayoralty candidate was charged before the Cuyahoga County Progressive club last night by Guy O. Farquharson, Progressive county leader.

The Dan R. Hanna interests are for Judge Meals and against Collector of Customs Maschke, Mr. Farquharson said. He asserted that Mr. Maschke, also favoring Judge Meals, had declared for Harry L. Davis, thinking the Hanna people therefore would oppose Mr. Davis, and believing this Hanna opposition eventually would result in the putting forward of Judge Meals.

"That is the way it has been rigged," stated Mr. Farquharson, "and Judge Meals is to be the candidate against Peter Witt."

Mr. Farquharson then referred to what he said were circumstances of the campaign in 1912, declaring the present situation he said existed was an echo of team work between Mr. Maschke and Judge Meals when Roosevelt and Taft delegates were being chosen.

Since James B. Ruhl's refusal to accept appointment as state superintendent of insurance, the word has been that some other substantial administration gift would come to Cuyahoga county.

It now appears the position of deputy superintendent of insurance may be filled from here.

The Cleveland candidate, it became known yesterday, is Winfield Worline, attorney, 806 American Trust building, who was secretary of the Frank B. Willis committee in this county. He was one of the original Willis men who fought with Mr. Ruhl in the campaign for the governor's nomination last summer.

There are at least six other contenders for the deputy's place, which, it was said yesterday, pays \$3,000 a year. Mr. Worline has been in touch with Frank Taggart, the new insurance superintendent.

Mr. Worline is associated in the law business with Attorney R. H. Lee.

Approval of the course Peter Witt will follow in not having a preferred list of councilmanic candidates in waging his campaign for mayor was voiced yesterday by William T. Thompson administration councilman and president of the council.

"Peter is right in not having a slate," said Mr. Thompson. "That is the proper attitude for a mayoralty candidate under the charter. The charter provides for nonpartisan elections, and under it council is not a partisan body."

W. B. Gongwer, clerk of the board of elections and Democratic leader, who is away on a trip, yesterday sent employees of the elections board office a shipment of tangerines, inviting them by letter to have a "tangerine party."

Councilmen A. J. Damm of Ward 23 and Edward A. Meyers of Ward 22 have been indorsed for re-election by the East End Democratic club.



## MUNICIPAL BUS LINE ADVOCATED BY COUNCILMAN

Reynolds Would Have City Fight  
Railway if Latter Should  
Establish Such a  
Service.

### STANLEY DETERMINED TO OPPOSE "JITNEYS"

"Give a Seat" Club Believes In-  
dependents Will Greatly Re-  
lieve Congestion in Cars.

A promise from President Stanley yesterday that the Cleveland Railway Company would fight the "jitney bus" line proposed to be established here, with a "three-cent bus" line, drew from Councilman Reynolds a proposal for a municipally-owned system of busses.

Club women backing the "Give a Seat Club" by which it is hoped to revive the chivalry of men in the matter of giving up their car seats to women, were of the opinion that a "jitney bus" line might solve the problem by providing seats enough for all.

Mrs. R. G. Collier, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Civic Association, which will endorse the give-a-seat plan at its meeting next Wednesday, expressed the opinion that congested car service was as much to blame for working women and girls having to stand as was the thoughtlessness and lack of gallantry on the part of the men.

"Anything that will offer more adequate transportation facilities will help," said she, "meanwhile we will go ahead with the idea."

#### Some Disapprove.

Disapproval of the plan by several persons who think the man who has worked hard has a better right to a seat than the woman who has been shopping or "gadding" about was expressed in several letters to The Leader yesterday. Mrs. Collier and others behind the "Give a Seat Club" are in accord with this view, however.

"This giving up of seats by men to women cannot be altogether an arbitrary matter," said she. "It calls for the exercise of common sense and judgment. If a man is too tired to get up, he should sit."

An excerpt from one letter follows:

"So these women who want equal suffrage do not want to be equal sufferers? These women who never offer a seat to an elderly, poorly dressed woman, these women who never offer a seat to an elderly, feeble, or crippled man! These women who keep their small sons and daughters in unpaid for seats when women and men are standing and paying for it! I suggest that these parasitic suburbanites pay what it costs to run the cars to the suburbs and then we can have more of them and plenty of seats."

#### Reynolds Upholds Busses.

Opposition to the Cleveland Railway Company's plan to compete with the privately-owned "jitney bus" line which Harry E. Johnson,

head of a sightseeing company, says he will start here, will come from Councilman Reynolds, a member of the street railway company.

"I am not in favor of spending money on the streets and then turning them over to the railway company, or any concern for the operation of these motor busses," said he.

Purchases of busses by the city would have to be approved by council. "For every jitney bus put in service by private companies the Cleveland Railway Company will put on one of its own," said President Stanley, of the company.

"We'll charge the prevailing rate of street car fare and give transfers."

Stanley said that the company had prepared plans for motor busses and would be ready to get in the game the moment a privately-owned company started.

## WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW DEPOT

Railroads Have Not Abandoned  
Project, Says Pres. Smith  
in Conference With  
Mayor Baker.

### LESS LAND NEEDED FOR THE NEW TRACK LAYOUT

Tentative Plans Call for an Ex-  
penditure of \$17,000,000—  
City's Price Is \$1,400,000.

Union passenger station negotiations between the city and officials of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads are to be resumed at a conference Monday, March 22.

Mayor Baker arranged the meeting yesterday, after conferring with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines. Smith reported that the railroads had not abandoned the project and that engineers were revising track layouts planned in connection with the station.

The New York Central official, with J. J. Turner, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, will attend the conference in March. The meeting will be held in Baker's office.

Negotiations have been at a standstill since the railroads made application of the federal government to make a 900-foot fill into the lake between E. 9th st. and E. 26th st., nearly a year ago. The fill was required for track layouts in connection with the station project, railroad engineers claimed.

Smith informed Baker yesterday that engineers were at work on a revision of these plans and that less land would be required in the new track layout. It matters can be adjusted at the conference, the city will withdraw its objections to the railroad's fill.

Tentative plans for the new station call for an expenditure of \$17,000,000, the proposed building being of a monumental type. The city's price for the depot site in Lakeview park is \$1,400,000.

## FIRST JITNEY BUS MAKES ITS CLEVELAND BOW

Cleveland's first jitney bus made its appearance Thursday.

It is a big seven-passenger auto owned by George Dixon of the Dixon Auto Livery Co., 511 Superior-av.

Beginning next Monday, this jitney bus will be operated on Euclid-av. between E. 55th-st and the Public square. With William Edwards as chauffeur, the car was to make a few test trips late Thursday.

"I believe it will be a big money maker over the route we have selected," said Edwards.

#### Figures on Good Profit.

"With a load of seven passengers, I can make the run from E. 55th-st to the square in five minutes. This means a dozen trips an hour.

"With seven passengers a trip I could take in \$4.20 an hour. Even only operating the bus four hours a day when congestion on street cars is thickest, we can make \$16.80. This ought to net a good profit, despite wear on the car and upkeep."

While the Dixon Auto Livery Co. was preparing one jitney car

for service, H. D. Squires of the Central Wagon and Auto Co., 3416-3508 Central-av., announced he is having incorporation papers drawn up for a \$100,000 jitney company.

Squires stated that his first jitney bus would be put into service Saturday morning between E. 55th-st and the Public square along Euclid-av. It will be a low-priced car, seating nine people.

"By April 1 we expect to have 100 of these nine-passenger cars in service in Cleveland," said Squires.

City councilmen Thursday were divided on the question of giving the Concon the right to spend money for jitney busses. Councilman Reynolds thought the city ought to own jitneys.

Five million dollar bond issue would supply municipal jitney busses all over the city," said Reynolds.

#### Witt and Baker Opposed.

Other councilmen thought the matter should be investigated first. Neither Tractioner Witt nor Mayor Baker like the idea of the Concon operating jitney busses.

"If jitneys make their appear-

ance here they ought to be licensed and treated as any other public utility," said Witt. "If that is done the jitney business won't be profitable nor popular."

## COUNCILMEN AND WITT WON'T O. K. TRACTION JITNEY

Let Private Capital Try It  
First, They Say; Must Have  
Their Leave.

A majority of members of council street railway committee, the official sanction of which John J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, must obtain before he makes good his threat to operate three-cent busses to compete with the "jitney busses" Harry E. Johnson, 12330 Ingomar ave., has proposed—Thursday emphatically declared themselves opposed to Stanley's plan until it is proved three-cent fare is endangered.

The majority of the five members on the committee, Councilmen Stalte, Dittrick and Wagner—also frowned upon the suggestion of Councilman Reynolds, also a committee member, that the city issue \$5,000,000 in bonds and go into the bus business itself.

#### Say They'll Fight Stanley Idea.

"I will fight to the end any move by Stanley to put the railway company into the bus business until three-cent fare is endangered," declared Stalte. "If Clevelanders know what is good for them they will patronize street cars. Let private capital blaze the way. Then, if the 'jitney busses' are a success it will be time enough for the railway company to follow suit."

"It is nonsensical to talk of the city spending \$5,000,000 for busses. Talk like that and the railway company's jumping into the bus business with both feet are bunk. The person who can persuade Johnson to purchase the railway company's three busses now in operation at the end of car lines would be conferring a favor." Councilman Wagner also ridiculed the idea of municipal ownership of busses and said the situation is not serious yet. Years ago, he pointed out, a "chariot" line was operated on Woodland ave. to compete with the car line and failed. He declared himself in favor of sitting tight and not making a move until Johnson's success was learned.

"Neither the city nor the railway company must go into the bus business to protect low fare," Dittrick said. "The city now has power to regulate private transportation lines. Let private capital take a hand first; there'll be time enough for the railway company to act. Further, where will Reynolds get the \$5,000,000 he wants for busses? The suggestion is too far-fetched to be considered."

Councilman Kalina said Thursday he favored Stanley's plan of competing with Johnson from the start. Every means should be taken to protect three-cent fare, he declared.

#### Witt Against Jitneys.

Stanley believes the council will back his plans to invade the jitney field and combat privately owned bus lines, because of business reasons and desire to protect three-cent fare. Tractioner Witt, however, emphatically declared he was against Stanley's proposition.

"It would mean increased service for the railway company," Witt said. "Increased service means increased cost. Increased cost won't help low fare any, will it? If jitney busses can be operated cheaper than street cars then it's good by railways. They can't be operated cheaper than street cars the jitneys won't stay in business long."

Witt also ridiculed Reynolds' plan of municipally owned jitneys.



# DAVIS TO BE INDORSED BY G. O. P. BOARD

Meeting of Executive Committee-  
men Called for Tonight to O.  
K. Candidate as Their  
Choice for Mayor.

## PRECINCT WORKERS TO TAKE ACTION TOMORROW

Witt Begins Preliminary Cam-  
paign; Leaves Loophole for  
Leaders to Name Council Slate.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Members of the Republican execu-  
tive committee were notified yester-  
day they were to meet tonight at  
headquarters in the Wilshire building  
for the purpose of indorsing Harry  
L. Davis for mayor. That was not  
the purpose given in the announce-  
ments, the meeting being called "to  
consider the mayoralty situation,"  
but it is the reason for the session.

Chairman A. N. Rodway is calling  
the meeting. It will be preparatory  
to the meeting of Republican precinct  
captains in the same building tomor-  
row night, at which Davis, according  
to plans of the organization heads,  
is to be indorsed.

Extreme secrecy is being main-  
tained by Miner G. Norton as to his  
own course of action at the meeting  
tomorrow night. He would not tell  
yesterday whether he would be there  
in person or not. He did say, how-  
ever, that his own candidacy for  
mayor would not be affected no mat-  
ter what the precinct committeemen  
did.

Conferences between members of  
the executive committee and Maurice  
Maschke were held yesterday. Be-  
tween Maschke and Davis, it is un-  
derstood that practically every city  
executive committeeman is already  
lined up for tonight's program.

What effect, if any, the indorse-  
ments will have on the ultimate  
mayoralty situation was discussed  
by many politicians yesterday. That  
will not develop definitely, however,  
for some time.

Peter Witt is conducting an active  
preliminary campaign for Democratic  
support in his mayoralty canvass.  
Witt is making all of the Democratic  
organization ward clubs and is tak-  
ing in a few smokers and dances on  
the side.

Considerable to-do has been made  
about Witt's disinclination to have a  
council slate, but it developed yester-  
day that his "rigid" beliefs on this  
subject will have enough elasticity so  
that the Democratic executive com-  
mittee can back all the slates it  
wants without injuring Witt's prin-  
ciples.

"I have never favored slates and I  
have no reason to change my beliefs  
now," Witt said yesterday.

"Will you object if the Democratic  
committee backs a slate of council  
candidates?" was asked.

"What other people do is none of  
my business," Witt said.

This left the loophole. When Dem-  
ocratic politicians heard of Witt's  
declarations, they said that the com-  
mittee would do as it always has  
done and would back a slate and Witt  
for mayor, while Witt, denying that  
the slate was his, would be expected  
to receive the support of the slated  
council candidates.

## NIGHT SCHOOL AIDS THE GOVERNMENT, SAYS MAYOR

The night school as an agency  
through which better government  
may be obtained was the topic on  
which Mayor Baker last night ad-  
dressed several hundred pupils of the  
Outhwaite night school, E. 51st st.  
and Outhwaite ave. Mrs. Baker sang  
several selections and Professor Ar-  
thur Neiger, principal, presided. Most  
of the pupils are foreign born.

The mayor discussed the advan-  
tages of a democratic form of govern-  
ment over monarchical systems and  
declared that the American govern-  
ment was good or bad proportionate-  
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an important factor.

## REPUBLICANS CALL SESSION FOR DAVIS

Order Meeting of City Mem-  
bers of County Committee  
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the intention of indorsing Harry L.  
Davis for mayor.

That Republican organization lead-  
ers gave the word for the meeting  
with that purpose was asserted yester-  
day, when the call was issued.

By this move the backers of Mr.  
Davis, including Maurice Maschke,  
expect to strengthen their hands for  
the meeting of county central com-  
mitteemen tomorrow night, when the  
precinct workers will be asked to in-  
dorse Mr. Davis. The action tonight  
will be in anticipation of protests to-  
morrow night by Miner G. Norton's  
supporters and will be counted on by  
the Davis forces to block the expected  
Norton opposition.

Mr. Maschke's party following  
holds the same sway over the execu-  
tive committee that it does over the  
precinct committee. Most of the ex-  
ecutive committeemen are known as  
Maschke men. Several placed on the  
committee last summer at the in-  
stance of Mr. Davis, when he and  
Mr. Maschke ironed out their differ-  
ences, are Davis men direct.

The fact that only committeemen

living in Cleveland have been sum-  
moned excludes from the meeting  
James B. Ruhl, whose home is in  
Lakewood. His vote on an indorsing  
resolution would have been signifi-  
cant, if he voted, coming as it would  
from the man considered closest in  
the confidence of Gov. Frank B.  
Willis.

Ed S. Wertz of Wooster, who  
March 1 will succeed U. G. Denman  
as United States district attorney  
here, was in Cleveland yesterday and  
called at the district attorney's office  
and on Internal Revenue Collector  
Harry H. Weiss.

Mr. Wertz will be back again next  
week to go over the office with Mr.  
Denman.

It developed yesterday that for a  
time at least Mr. Wertz will retain  
the services of Carey R. Alburn and  
J. B. Waterworth, Mr. Denman's as-  
sistants. He will not replace them  
with Democrats until he gets into the  
swing of the work, it was stated.

Guy O. Farquharson's charge be-  
fore members of the Cuyahoga Coun-  
ty Progressive club that Collector  
of Customs Maschke is engineering  
the Republican situation to bring  
out Judge Walter D. Meals of the  
court of appeals as a compromise  
candidate for mayor called forth no  
comment from Mr. Maschke yester-  
day.

"Farquharson, Farquharson? Seems  
to me I've heard that name before,"  
was his only remark.

The Nineteenth Ward Democratic  
club is to meet tonight at 10537 Eu-  
clid-av. Samuel H. Silbert, assistant  
police prosecutor, who, Democrats ex-  
pect, will seek a place on the munici-  
pal bench in next fall's election, is to  
speak, and Howell Wright, superin-  
tendent of City hospital, will give a  
stereopticon address on work at the  
hospital.

## DUKE THANKS MAYOR BAKER.

Mayor Baker yesterday received  
a message from the Duke of Con-  
naught thanking him for his peace  
telegram of Wednesday addressed  
to mayors of three Canadian cities.  
The mayor expressed the hope in  
his messages that the years of peace  
inaugurated by the treaty of Ghent  
would be continued. The message  
from the duke received by the  
mayor yesterday reads:

"My grateful thanks for your  
message of yesterday. I rejoice  
with you that peace has been main-  
tained between Canada and the  
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Reynolds Has Ordinance Asking Study of Motor, Subway, Surface and Monorail Systems.

Two Clevelanders Take Out Licenses and Will Run Vehicles on Euclid-av Today.

BEST SERVICE FOR CITY IS OBJECT OF INQUIRY

Transportation Sought That Will Help Civic Expansion.

Decision to ask council to authorize an appropriation for a general survey of Cleveland's rapid transit problem was reached by Councilman John W. Reynolds yesterday, on the eve of the first appearance of the jitney bus on the city's thoroughfares.

It is the plan of Mr. Reynolds, who is a member of the council committee on street railways, to have the proposed survey include a study of motor bus systems, surface track lines, elevateds of both the double track and monorail types and subways. He is preparing a resolution to be offered in council meeting Tuesday night.

The arrival of the jitney bus with its competitive possibilities has caused the councilman to advance his project at this time, and he contends, too, that the rapid growth of the city makes a study of the kind he urges an immediate necessity. He will suggest that the survey be conducted by Robert Hoffman, commissioner of engineering. Funds for the survey will be set aside by council if the plan is approved.

The jitney bus is to show its paces to Cleveland this morning for the first time, according to the word of two promoters yesterday.

**Gets Jitney Bus Permit.**

H. D. Squires of the Central Wagon & Auto Co., 3516 Central-av S. E., obtained at the city hall a taxicab license for one jitney bus, asking it in the name of "The Jitney Bus Co."

George Dixon, of the Dixon Auto Livery Co., 511 Superior-av N. E., also took out a license for one car. Euclid-av is to be the roadway on which the jitneys will make their initial runs, and citizens will have opportunity to ride in at least two of the new vehicles between E. 55th-st and Public square today.

Mr. Squires said he would start his bus from Euclid-av and E. 55th-st at 7 a. m., and that the jitney would continue trips between there and the square all day.

"We expect to put on other cars at the rate of about five a week," he said. "We're getting them ready as fast as we can, and intend eventually to have 100 in operation."

Mr. Dixon had announced he would start five cars this morning, but he received a license for but one. It

was his plan to begin work at 5 a. m. Stanley waits.

President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co., yesterday had no further comment to make regarding his threat to start 3-cent busses

to compete with privately owned jitneys.

"We haven't seen any jitneys yet," he remarked.

It was indicated, however, President Stanley expected the city to check the introduction of jitneys as a means of protecting the street railway company and in behalf of 3-cent fare.

Cleveland Railway Co. stock declined a point and a quarter yesterday. It sold Thursday at 105 3/4. It was active yesterday and 396 shares were sold. It started the day at 105 1/4, and closed at 104 1/2, considered an unusual slump. It was said discussion of jitney bus competition and of the Ott nine-hour bill contributed to cause the decline.

Without doubt, under the plan of Councilman Reynolds, and also in line with a proposal from Councilman David Moylan that a special council committee investigate motor bus regulations, city officials will consider carefully the question of regulatory ordinances to apply to the operation of jitneys.

It is probable these proposed investigations will include deliberations concerning the advisability of having the city control auto bus lines by requiring franchises; of restricting operation of busses to certain streets to be specified in franchises; of enforcing maintenance of time and rate schedules; of requiring jitney operators to pay adequate taxes for the use of the city's streets, and of requiring chauffeurs to pass examinations to show competency.

Councilman Reynolds is convinced the general survey he recommends should include a study of the subway problem without regard to the fact that a franchise ordinance has been passed giving subway rights in all of the main thoroughfares to the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railway Co. Under the ordinance, work must be started within the present year. Councilman Reynolds believes the city should have in hand by the close of the year a definite plan of rapid transit development including both subway and overhead schemes.

In his opinion a monorail scheme might well be considered in connection with St. Clair-av N. E. service.

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Civic League to Meet Today to Discuss the Advisability of Such a Plan.

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PRECINCT WORKERS TO NAME CHOICE TONIGHT

Norton Promises to Attend Meeting as Captain and Lead Opposition to Rival.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

City members of the Republican county executive committee last night indorsed Harry L. Davis' candidacy for mayor after a more or less stormy session in party headquarters in the Wilshire building.

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All of the executive committeemen who live in Cleveland except Dr. J. C. Simon were present at last night's session, but John Braschwitz, from the second ward, bolted from the room as the vote was being taken, after making two speeches against the adoption of the indorsement resolution. William H. Westman, of the nineteenth ward, was not in accord with the resolution, he said after the meeting.

"I told the committee, as I told Harry Davis at midnight last night, that as long as there were two Republican candidates in the field I would take no part," Westman said.

**Fitzgerald Introduces Resolution.**

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The motion was seconded by John G. Thomson of the eighteenth ward, A. H. Sprosty of the fourteenth, Bernard Masterson of the eighth, and L. O. Newell of the third. Chairman Rodway spoke for it. These men all said that Davis was the strongest possible candidate, that he was entitled to party support by reason of his former candidacy and that the committee should take a definite stand and show it had the nerve to do so. Alex Bernstein of the twelfth also spoke in favor of the

indorsement.

**Predicts Dissension.**

Braschwitz pleaded with the committee to try to unite the anti-administration forces by eliminating all but one man before making an indorsement. He predicted that possibly a third of the committeemen would walk out of tonight's meeting and that Governor Willis would not like to see a party split. He urged a straw vote be taken to find sentiment.

Cornelius Maloney, who said he voted for the motion so that the committee should be unanimous, said it was his belief that Peter Witt would win against a divided opposition. It was stated in the meeting that in addition to Witt, John Sulzmann and possibly another Democrat would be in the field.

Chairman Rodway announced the vote as unanimous.

In addition to talk for Davis and Norton, many Republicans last night were mentioning the names of Walter D. Meals, John A. Cline and William H. Boyd as mayoralty possibilities.

Councilman E. A. Meyers was unanimously indorsed for another term by the Twenty-second Ward Baker Club last night at a meeting held in their clubrooms, E. 65th st. and Wade Park ave. County Clerk Hagerodt was one of the speakers.

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The city council will take first steps toward regulating jitneys Tuesday night, when it adopts Councilman Moylan's resolution directing a special committee to make a study of regulations in effect in western cities where the jitney has been tried.

Councilman Reynolds is also preparing a resolution to be introduced in the city council Tuesday night for a general survey of Cleveland's rapid transit system and possibilities. Reynolds would have the survey include studies of subways, monorail systems, motor bus lines and double-track car systems. Reynolds believes the survey could be handled by Commissioner of Engineering Hoffmann with funds to be set aside by the council.



## DAVIS IS INDORSED BY PART OF G. O. P. AT WARM SESSION

Campaign Against Nonpartisan Ballot Pushed at Republican Gathering.

### NORTON TO STAY IN RACE

Insists He Will Be Candidate Despite Divided Action of Precinct Captains.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Circulation of petitions to knock out the nonpartisan, preferential election clauses of the city charter began last night as Harry L. Davis was indorsed as a candidate for mayor by a divided vote of Republican precinct captains.

In a stormy session at party headquarters in the Wilshire building, Miner G. Norton claimed the meeting was illegal, reaffirmed his own candidacy for mayor, claimed Davis could not win and declared he would stick to the finish.

Taking it all in all, it was a lively evening. Many of the party workers took the partisan election petitions from members of the citizens' referendum committee, who passed them out in the corridors. The petitions call for a referendum to be held to restore to the people the partisan election features which prevailed up to 1913. There were about 250 or 300 committeemen at the meeting.

#### Harris Presides.

George B. Harris, chairman, called the meeting of precinct committeemen together at 8:30 o'clock with some disorder. Councilman Harry C. Gahn offered a resolution to indorse Davis. Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald seconded it, urging its adoption on the ground that Davis, by running last time, was entitled to party support for another campaign.

Norton was on his feet as Fitzgerald closed. When Harris recognized Thomas Fleming in Norton's place, Norton shouted, "You've got your regular machine working."

Fleming urged the indorsement of Davis. A. B. Sprosty was another seconder of the resolution.

When Maurice Maschke rose and said that the meeting should hear all who wanted to talk, Harris recognized Michael Goldsmith. Goldsmith said that indorsing anyone was not the way to solidify the party. He suggested that Norton, Davis, Walter D. Meals and William H. Boyd, all mentioned for the mayoralty, be put in a room to come out with one candidate.

Owen Evans, president of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, opposed indorsing any candidate as long as more than one Republican was in the field.

#### Calls Meeting Packed.

Norton finally was recognized. He began by saying the meeting was packed, that Russell V. Johnson, secretary of the executive committee, had passed in three men who had no invitation cards and who he knew were not precinct committeemen.

He then challenged the legality of the meeting, saying no city central committee existed and that Harris, who lives in East Cleveland, was

chairman of the county central committee.

Norton read from the resolution adopted by the executive committee Friday indorsing Davis on the ground of efficient party service in the past. "What services?" Norton demanded. "Running for office? He never served on a committee and never took part in politics except when he was a candidate."

Norton charged that Davis realized party committees had nothing to do with the election this year, and that he had tried to organize a nonpartisan committee, sending out hundreds of invitations, but the committee had failed to materialize.

"I'll be a candidate if there is one or forty!" Norton shouted, amid great disorder. "Last time Davis lost by 5,000."

#### Says Davis Lost Ground.

Norton said that Davis had lost ground since the last city election and that he could not get the East End.

"Last fall there was not a place in the country except Cleveland that did not give a showing for protection, and here we went down to defeat, and everyone knows why. I know Davis cannot win next fall, although we can win. You cannot pull off a Punch and Judy show here and say the people are for him."

That the liquor licenses caused Davis to lose was denied by Norton, who said that Davis lost in the residence sections of the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-second, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth wards, where there are no saloons.

"Witt and I will be candidates election day," Norton said.

The crowd called for Maschke, and he responded by asking the adoption of the indorsement. He pointed out that there seemed no hope of getting Norton to withdraw. He said the legality of the meeting did not matter, though he believed it legal.

#### Meeting Not Binding.

Maschke said the meeting could not bind the Republicans of the city to support anyone. He said he hoped Norton would see sentiment was against his candidacy, declared for Davis and urged that the resolution

be adopted. The debate was then ordered closed and a viva voce vote was taken, Davis being indorsed. There was a substantial no vote.

"I do not intend to mince words," Davis declared in a speech. "I will call a spade a spade. It was because of the fight we made last time that Baker stayed out of the race. He can see sure defeat and so allows Peter to be the goat. In Pete's speech before the Democratic organization he says that:

"Our distinguished townsman, Dan Hanna, has not told the Republicans who his choice is to be and until he does I and you do not know whom to shoot at."

"Well, my friends, I do not know who Mr. Hanna will support for mayor or if he will support anyone or not, but I do say to you that from tonight I am the candidate of the Republican party and independent voters of Cleveland, and if Mr. Witt and his gang want to shoot at anyone they can start in on me just as soon as they please, but I want to serve warning on them that there will be some return fire."

The committee in charge of the circulation of the petitions to knock out the nonpartisan election consists of Henry Waibel, 5604 Storer ave.; John G. Willert, 3469 W. 54th st.; Fred H. Nothnagel, 3501 W. 54th st.; Martin A. McCormack, 1208 Ansel rd., and F. V. Brady, 2100 Adelbert rd. The council is obliged to call a special election within ninety days after a sufficient petition is filed.

## SUBURBS OFFICIALS REJECT CITY-COUNTY CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Plans of Mayo Fesler and some members of the Civic League and Mayor Baker to consolidate city and county government received a jolt at the league's annual meeting yesterday, when mayors and ex-mayors of suburbs vigorously objected.

What might otherwise have been a very uplift occasion was turned into a more or less enjoyable debate when Major J. R. McQuigg, once mayor of East Cleveland, charged that the plan of Fesler and his allies was an attempt to cover up an extravagant, big city administration, responsible for Cleveland's enormous debts.

The afternoon opened with the reading of a report by Treasurer A. J. Gaehr, of the league, showing that of the \$10,407.06 spent by the league in its various activities last year, \$6,616.10 went for salaries. The new members of the executive board of the league were announced to be Charles S. Brooks, Frank M. Gregg, D. E. Morgan and W. H. Prescott.

F. F. Prentiss, spokesman for the executive board, outlined the scheme for consolidation. Before he did so he paid a flowery tribute to Mayor Baker as one who had taught him the duties of citizenship. In his statement Prentiss said taxpayers would have to give \$20,000,000 next year to meet governmental expenses. He declared that the revenue raised by taxation in this county and cities and other subdivisions therein had increased from \$6,181,791.26 in 1900 to \$13,950,337.59 in 1914, an increase of 109 per cent. Prentiss also pointed out that the total bonded indebtedness had increased from \$15,329,797.71 in 1900 to \$73,918,654.59 in 1914, or 261 per cent.

#### Two Ways to Cut Expense.

Expense could be reduced in two ways, Prentiss said. The first

would be to have Cleveland and the thickly populated part of the county made one municipality and abolish county government for that part, putting the rural sections in a county by themselves. The other way would be to consolidate all of Cuyahoga county and Cleveland under one government. County Commissioner P. D. Metzger indorsed the second scheme.

Then came the first protest from McQuigg. He said the city recently had taken on a line of activities which in no sense were governmental functions.

"A city cannot spend its substance in riotous living any more than can an individual," McQuigg said. "Now that you are facing bankruptcy an excuse is sought in this duplication of offices, and you are not looking the facts in the face and trying to amend them."

#### "Cleveland in a Hole."

McQuigg was followed by Judge Willis L. Vickery, president of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, who said that Cleveland, instead of being a city on a hill, was a city in a hole, and a financial hole at that. Mayor Minshall, of East Cleveland, and Mayor Tyler, of Lakewood, echoed the views of McQuigg and Vickery.

Baker, who came out flatly for the consolidation plan, said McQuigg was actuated by "insular prejudice," and wanted a government with one executive head and "urban and suburban wards." He urged his auditors to "adopt an entirely modern attitude" and fall in with the consolidation plans.

## OPPOSITION LIKELY TO BARBER SUBWAY

Freight Terminal and Railroad Project Expected to Get Set Back in Council.

Opposition to plans of O. C. Barber, Barberton capitalist, to construct a subway and railway freight terminal under E. 55th st. is expected in council Tuesday night when application is made for a franchise.

Councilman Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission, declared yesterday a 900-foot fill in the lake at the foot of E. 55th st., for which a permit was issued yesterday by the war department at Washington, would interfere with the city's plans to develop the lake front.

He charged no public hearing had been held on the application of the subway company for a permit to make the fill.

Major P. S. Bond, United States engineer, said the matter had been thrashed out at the hearing on the establishment of the harbor line December 2.

Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo said the fill would not interfere with the city's plans, because the improvements would not extend farther than E. 53d st.



Sunday

## NORTON HURLS HAT IN RING WITH DAVIS

"It's Witt and I or Split Vote,"  
Cries Candidate as  
500 Back Rival.

Goldsmith Sees Peril for G.  
O. P., but Maschke  
Pours Oil.

"Either Pete Witt and I will be the candidates for mayor this fall or you will fail on a split vote," was the ultimatum Miner G. Norton delivered to Republican leaders and precinct committeemen at Republican headquarters in the Wilshire building, Superior-av N. W., last night.

Even after Harry L. Davis had carried the meeting with not more than a score or so dissenting voices among nearly 500 Republicans and declared himself "henceforth the Republican candidate for mayor of Cleveland," Mr. Norton reiterated his determination to go to the polls.

"I said at the Forest City house that if the requisite number of names was forthcoming I would be a candidate and I will be a candidate whether there is one or forty," Mr. Norton told his hecklers.

"Miner Norton has just as much right to strive for the position of mayor as I have or as Harry Davis has," Michael Goldsmith, organizer for the American Federation of Labor and business agent of the Bartenders' union, declared.

"If you don't get together I'll put a petition in the field and run myself," Mr. Goldsmith threatened after appealing to the meeting to follow the example of the Democrats and agree on one man.

"I don't care if it is Harry Davis, Miner Norton, Billy Boyd or Walter Meals," said Mr. Goldsmith, "but if you don't get together you are going to lose."

"Adjourn this meeting, get Harry Davis and Miner Norton and the rest of those having ambitions together. Let them decide who shall be the man and then let them come before us and admit the party is bigger than any man," Mr. Goldsmith advised.

Maurice Maschke, rising to pour oil on the troubled waters, confessed he was "interested" in the suggestion of Mr. Goldsmith.

"We cannot indorse anyone here tonight and have it binding on the Republican party because we are running in a year when the charter says

it is a nonpartisan election and when there are no primaries," said Mr. Maschke.

"I think the spirit of this meeting is that we should try to unite all Republicans under one banner."

Doubting whether many people would avail themselves of the privilege of second choices, Mr. Maschke declared:

"There is no easier way of accomplishing the return of Peter Witt than to divide the opposition to him."

"I am for Harry L. Davis for mayor," Mr. Maschke declared a moment later.

When the cheering which greeted this candid declaration had subsided, Mr. Maschke referred to a query raised by Mr. Norton in regard to the effect which the liquor question had on the last mayoralty fight.

"If the liquor licenses had been granted before the election Harry L. Davis would have been elected last time," Mr. Maschke asserted.

It was an appeal by Councilman Alex Bernstein immediately after Mr. Maschke had resumed his seat that killed the suggestion of Mr. Goldsmith.

"I am going to ask you not to be cowards in expressing your opinions tonight," said Mr. Bernstein. "I believe if we tell the people our candidate they will rally round him and

that he will be triumphantly elected this fall."

A feeble protest was raised against the question being put immediately after Councilman Bernstein's appeal, but it was overruled and Harry L. Davis was indorsed by an overwhelming majority.

"What effective service has Harry L. Davis ever rendered the Republican party?" Mr. Norton demanded after quoting from the resolution submitted by Harry C. Gahn and seconded by W. S. Fitzgerald.

"His effective service is confined to running for office. Harry L. Davis was never on a committee in his life. He never took part in politics except when he was a candidate."

"You were one of his campaign managers last year," someone in the meeting shouted.

"Yes," replied Mr. Norton; "he was a candidate then."

"What is this gathering? Where did they come from?" Mr. Norton asked.

"Who calls you together tonight—a man living in the city of Cleveland?"

The committee, he said, was organized by a man who lived outside the city and a secretary selected, who was an assistant to Harry L. Davis in his office.

Mr. Norton challenged the legality

of the committee under the charter provisions and asserted he saw three people admitted to the meeting who had not cards of admission.

Giving reasons for accepting nomination, Mr. Norton said he found that on the West Side, along the lake and in Newburg, where Mr. Davis was strongest a year ago, Davis could not poll within thousands the number of votes he polled at the last election.

"Just as certain as day follows night either Peter Witt and I will be candidates for mayor or you will fail next November!"

Harry L. Davis, who crossed the room to shake hands with Mr. Norton, before returning thanks for his indorsement, said he would not say one unkind word against Mr. Norton in his campaign.

"My motive from now on is to defeat Peter Witt," he declared.

The meeting, described as one of the city Republican central committee, was called by George B. Harris, chairman, and Carl F. Wetzel, secretary. Mr. Harris acted as chairman of the meeting.

Other speakers were Thomas Fleming, A. B. Sprosty and Owen Evans.

## QUIZ MAY CHANGE CIVIL SERVICE HERE

Proposed Inquiry Into Complaints Likely to Cause  
Amendment.

Two Councilmen Favor Exemption of Clerks and  
Mechanics.

A civil service quiz to be demanded at Tuesday night's meeting of the city council may result in an amendment to the city charter exempting practically all classes of city employees, except police and firemen, from civil service.

Characterizing the civil service system as a farce, Councilman W. J. Horrigan announced yesterday he was prepared to offer a resolution demanding the appointment of a committee of three to investigate the methods used by the commission in conducting its examinations.

"I understand that Councilman Stanton has been considering the same plan," said Mr. Horrigan yesterday. "If he wants to offer the resolution I will yield to him. If he doesn't offer it I will introduce it myself."

"Civil service as conducted is a farce. I believe in civil service for members of the police and fire departments, but when it comes to clerks and mechanics it does not work out."

"I believe the council should name a committee of three to ascertain why the civil service commission delegates its authority to citizens' committees in the marking of papers and fixing the grade of applicants for the important positions."

"The council should look into this matter. If the committee believes it wise, it should then submit a report dealing with the whole subject of civil service and stating whether or not an amendment to the charter should be submitted to the people as was done in the case of exempting laborers from civil service."

The citizens of Cleveland at a special election some time ago approved the plan of striking out laborers from the classified branch of the city service.

The inquiry into the methods of the civil service commission now proposed results from the protest filed with the commission by Sport Director M. J. McGinty, who says he was marked unfairly at the recent examination for the position of commissioner of recreation. He declared at a hearing before the commission that the examination was not conducted in regular manner from the standpoint of fairness.

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## COUNCIL PLANS MOVEMENT TO CUT CITY DEBT

Investigation of the city's bonded indebtedness, with a view of recommending retrenchment measures, will be started by a special council committee Tuesday, as administrative officers were planning to market an additional \$3,845,000 worth of bonds.

The probe of the city's financial condition was asked by Councilman Townes. He believes the city should call a halt in the borrowing of money for public projects and advocates a policy of retiring bonds upon maturity. The members of the investigating committee are Damm, Townes and Reynolds.

Figures compiled by the department of finance in connection with the proposed sale of municipal securities, March 8, show the city's total bonded indebtedness is \$49,184,888.56. Interest charges amount to \$1,489,963.11 per year. But \$2,100,879.61 was allowed the sinking fund commission for sinking funds and interest this year. The par value of all sinking fund is but \$3,306,051.92.

Included in the list of bonds which will be offered for sale are \$2,000,000 worth of waterworks bonds and \$700,000 worth of bonds for extensions to the municipal lighting plant. Other issues are \$475,000 intercepting sewer funded debt bonds; \$350,000 street improvement bonds and \$325,000 paving bonds.

Opposition to Director of Public Utilities Stage's plan to obtain a blanket ordinance for the expenditure of \$500,000 for waterworks purposes is expected to develop at a meeting of the finance committee Tuesday. Stage has been reprimanded in the past for submitting ordinances which do not specifically state how the money will be spent. Councilmen charge this takes from the council the power to control expenditures.

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## 'NO STATE JOB FOR ME,' DAVIS ASSERTS

Mayoralty Candidate Says He Can't be Diverted From City Race.

Rumor Has It Way Was to be Cleared for Walter D. Meals.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis declared yesterday the Republican state administration could offer him no appointive position that he would accept.

This was his answer to an insistent report that the administration, agreeing to help solve the mayoralty problem confronting Republicans here, had decided to make certain appointments from Cleveland and that a place of responsibility and profit would go to Mr. Davis.

The offer would be made with a view to taking Mr. Davis out of the mayoralty race, clearing the road for putting forward Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals, according to the reported plan.

Statements were that Cuyahoga county organization Republicans and the state administration had agreed the candidacy of Judge Meals would prove the solution of the problem. With the judge a candidate, his place on the appellate bench would be filled by appointment of James B. Ruhl as judge, it was said.

There were reports that in line with a general plan for clearing up the Cleveland situation, Frank R. Lander would be selected state highway commissioner.

Candidate Davis declared yesterday no offer of any appointment had come to him, and he added he was in the mayoralty field to stay.

John M. Sulzmann, Democrat, former councilman, petitions for whom as a mayoralty candidate have been in circulation for weeks, announced yesterday he would make known some time this week his decision whether he will remain in the race.

It was said Mr. Sulzmann had been waiting to learn what action would be taken by the Republican county executive and central committees, with its resultant effect toward uniting or dividing the Republicans, before reaching a determination.

Francis V. Brady, 548 Leader-News building, who is behind the movement that has resulted in the circulation of petitions to abolish the nonpartisan provisions of the city charter, said yesterday that by Wednesday there would be petitions in every ward in the city.

"We expect to get at least 500 signatures in each ward," he continued. "It is the plan to finance the movement by popular subscription."

Between 11,000 and 12,000 names are required to have the proposal submitted to a referendum vote.

It is understood that if the bill providing for two additional judges for the municipal bench in Cleveland is passed by the general assembly, Fred P. Walther, Republican attorney, will be a candidate for appointment by Gov. Frank B. Willis to one of the places.

## PRESS NORTON TO WITHDRAW

Republican leaders planned Monday to endeavor to persuade Miner G. Norton to withdraw from the mayoralty race and throw undivided support to Harry L. Davis, indorsed Saturday by precinct committeemen after a stormy session.

Norton's friends were determined to have him remain in the race despite his lack of organization support. Meanwhile Davis' supporters were circulating petitions designed to have the political parties return to the old system of partisan nominations in place of the nonpartisan preferential system.

After Davis' indorsement Norton declared he would stay in the race, and charged that the meeting was packed with Davis' followers.

There was still considerable talk among political leaders for Judge Walter D. Meals as mayoralty candidate.

## ASKS HEARING ON LAKEFRONT FILL

Councilman Harry C. Gahn Monday wired Gen. D. C. Kingman, chief of the army engineering corps, asking that he hold up the permit given O. C. Barber, Barberton capitalist, to make an extensive fill-in on the lake front at E. 55th-st.

"No notice of a public hearing on Barber's application was given nor was a public hearing held," said the telegram, signed by Gahn, ex-Congressman James H. Cassidy, Edward Griffiths, head of the Cleveland Machine Manufacturing Co., and Walter P. Rice, consulting engineer, all members of the local river and harbor commission.

Barber, it is said, plans to build extensive unloading docks on the lake front to connect with a subway and railway freight terminal under E. 55th-st.

Gahn Monday criticised Major P. S. Bond, United States district engineer, saying: "Other engineers have recognized the public's right to be heard before important permits are granted." Bond says the matter was thrashed out at a meeting Dec. 2.

## THINK CLINE AIMS BLOW AT MASCHKE

Backers Sure He Will Seek Mayoralty on 'Down-With-Bosses' Platform.

League of Republican Clubs May Stage Echo of Davis Debate.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Petitions for John A. Cline for mayor that have been in circulation several weeks are to be called in at once by H. D. Williams, optician in the Colonial arcade and leader of the Cline forces.

As soon as a sufficient crop of signatures has been harvested the former county prosecutor is to step suddenly into the field as a candidate, according to word among Cline backers yesterday.

Present intentions, it was stated further, are to have Mr. Cline's definite announcement of candidacy accompany a red hot statement aimed at Maurice Maschke, the candidate to strike the first blow of his campaign by asserting Republicans are through being dominated by the influence of the customs collector.

Cline forces were said to be preparing to carry the fight of their candidate direct to the voters with a declaration that in a nonpartisan election there should be an open field and no recognition accorded indorsements sponsored by party powers.

There have been several quiet conferences of the Cline boosters recently and they are reported now to be ready for action.

Echoes of the debates that attended the indorsing of Harry L. Davis for mayor by the Republican county executive and central committees may be heard at a meeting of the League of Republican Clubs called for tonight in the Engineers building.

Notices for the meeting sent out yesterday announced the action of the city members of the executive committee, who Friday night indorsed Mr. Davis, would be discussed.

Whether there will be an attempt to have the league vote approval of the candidacy of Mr. Davis was the subject of speculation among delegates when the notices were received.

It is likely President John Brascowitz will have something definite to say regarding the situation. Mr. Brascowitz, an executive committeeman, Friday night opposed adoption by the committee of an indorsing resolution on the ground that Republicans must unite their forces to win, and that an indorsement at this time would only serve further to complicate matters.

Miner G. Norton plans to devote all of March and April to perfecting an organization for his campaign for mayor.

March 1 was the date set by the candidate for Republican precinct committeemen to make known whether they would support him or Candidate Davis. He declared yesterday he had not changed his determination to put committeemen of his own in precincts where present committeemen come out for Mr. Davis.

Mr. Norton said he expected to continue in "the even tenor of his way" without regard to the indorsement of Mr. Davis by precinct committeemen Saturday night. Friends of Mr. Norton, commenting on the indorsement, reiterated that they did not consider the action significant. They said the indorsing resolution was seconded by W. S. Fitzgerald and A. B. Sprosty, neither a precinct committeeman; that it was urged by Maurice Maschke, who lives in Lakewood, and that Chairman George B. Harris, who had charge of the meeting, lives in East Cleveland.

"Might just as well have had a meeting in the Public square, only they couldn't have packed such a meeting," was Mr. Norton's shot at the Davis forces.

Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic league announced yesterday that

friends of the city charter as it stands would wage a more vigorous fight than the one of last summer against efforts to eliminate its nonpartisan features.

Francis V. Brady, attorney in the Leader-News building, is backing movement to have submitted to referendum vote an amendment to restore partisan municipal elections. "We are not a bit afraid of the result," said Mr. Fesler. "The political party that stands for this proposal will have to bear the odium. The vote last fall indicated the sentiment of this community. It was put off then at a time most fortunate for those who favored it, and it was voted down overwhelmingly."

Mayor Newton D. Baker said yesterday he thought the present charter was good enough.

"There may be new arguments favor of changing it, but I have heard them," he added. "I can see no reason for a change."

## WOULD PLACE \$10 LICENSE ON JITNEY

Councilman Says Innovation Imperils Three-Cent Car Fare.

Baker Says Golden Chariot Couldn't Damage Trolley Service.

Declaring that the jitney bus jeopardizing 3-cent fare, Councilman P. V. Kalina announced yesterday he will propose at a meeting of other city officials today at the hall that a license fee of \$10 be mandated by the city for every operated.

"If they charge more than street car rate of fare of 3 cents, it should be required to pay a license fee of \$100 a year," he said.

"They are killing 3-cent fare. Trolley company must obtain a franchise. Why should we permit the busses to operate without a franchise and at a low license rate and at the same time charge a higher rate than the street railway company?"

Other street railway developments scheduled for tonight's meeting of the city council include the introduction of a resolution by Councilman J. W. Reynolds calling for a general survey of the rapid transit and street railway situation, including surface lines, motor bus operation, subway and elevated roads and the introduction of a resolution by Councilman David Moylan calling for the appointment of a special committee of three to study the jitney bus situation and to report as to the advisability of passing regulatory legislation.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and P. V. Witt, street railway commissioner yesterday didn't take so serious view of the jitney bus situation as that held by Councilman Kalina.

"If they were to run golden chariots on Euclid-av. charging 5-cent fare, they couldn't compete seriously with 3-cent car service," said the mayor.

Mr. Witt pointed out that the jitneys aren't operating where street car traffic originates.

"The jitneys probably will continue to prove popular for persons who want to take a cheap automobile for pleasure, but they won't exert an appreciable injury to street car traffic as long as the car fare is kept 3 cents," said Mr. Witt.



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## BOND SCORED FOR GRANTING BARBER PERMITS

United States Engineer Criticized by River and Harbor Commission in Letters to Washington.

United States Engineer Bond, in charge of the Cleveland district, was criticized for granting permits for extensive lake fills at E. 55th st. in telegrams and letters sent by the city river and harbor commission to Washington yesterday.

General D. C. Kingman, chief of the army engineering corps, was asked to hold up the permit until after an investigation by the commission. Permits granted by Major Bond allow O. C. Barber, Barberton capitalist, and associates to make a 900-foot fill into the lake. Harry A. Gahn, secretary of the commission, charges that no public hearing was held on the project.

"We might as well surrender our whole lake front if this fill is allowed," said Councilman McGinty, chairman of the council committee on harbors and wharves. McGinty says that the fill will interfere with the city's plans for harbor development. Mayor Baker holds otherwise and says that the city is not interested in this particular project.

In a letter to General Kingman, ex-Congressman James H. Cassidy, president of the commission, and Secretary Gahn say that the project was never discussed except in a general way at a public hearing on the establishment of the harbor line last December.

Gahn also took a rap at Mayor Baker, who he says has been inactive in efforts to prevent riparian owners from obtaining possession of the lake front.

Barber, it is said, plans to build extensive unloading docks on the lake to connect with a subway and railway freight terminal in E. 55th st.

### AND CONTROL

## ROADS MUST ACT ON STATION SITE

March 22 Set as Limit for Present Negotiations on \$1,400,-000 Park Property.

Union passenger station negotiations with the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads may be resumed upon an entirely new basis, unless a definite understanding is reached at a conference March 22.

Railroad officials have agreed tentatively upon the city's price of \$1,400,000 for Lakeview park land offered as a depot site. The proposed land sale must be ratified at a referendum election, and the agreed price will not be binding upon a new administration.

For this reason it is desired to submit the question of selling a depot site at an election this fall, before Mayor Baker goes out of office and a new city council is chosen. Railroad officials will be told at the conference they must hasten if they desire to close negotiations before the end of Baker's administration. Otherwise a new mayor and city council might insist upon a different valuation of the land offered for sale.

Baker was advised yesterday A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, and J. J. Turner, vice president of the Pennsylvania, will be in Cleveland for the meeting. Engineers are revising freight terminal plans, Smith informed the mayor when here several weeks ago.

## CAN'T GET LEAGUE TO INDORSE DAVIS

Friends of Mayorality Candidate Fail to Win Approval of G. O. P. Clubs.

Norton Backers Ask Body to Repudiate Action of Party Committees.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Friends of Harry L. Davis were blocked last night in an effort to have the Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs approve the action of the Republican county executive and central committees in indorsing Mr. Davis for mayor.

Another resolution drafted by friends of Miner G. Norton, to have the league "repudiate and denounce" the action of the party committees that indorsed Mr. Davis, was not formally disposed of when the meeting adjourned. Tellers who counted the roll call vote on a motion to table the repudiating resolution differed in their tallying.

Time after time the meeting developed into an uproar. Delegates shouted to one another, appealed to the chair and rose to points of order, the noise interspersed with the whacking of the chairman's gavel as he tried to restore order.

The first resolution, which would have been an indorsement of Mr. Davis by the league, was presented by Pierre A. White. A delegate declared the motion out of order, because the league had just voted to give further time to the conciliation committee appointed at the last session by President John Braschwitz with a view to having Republicans compromise on one candidate.

The chair ruled Mr. White out of order, and Mr. White appealed from the ruling. A roll call on the appeal showed a vote of 53 against and 47 in support of the chair. Davis' supporters were beginning to applaud when someone produced a book of Roberts' Rules of Order, pointing out that an appeal from the chair must carry by a two-thirds vote, and therefore Mr. White's appeal had lost.

Immediately afterward the resolution to repudiate the action of the Republican executive and central committees was introduced. A motion was made that it be laid on the table indefinitely. The chairman, Owen Evans, appointed H. D. Lingenfelder, a Norton backer, and Mr. White, a Davis supporter, as tellers on the motion. When the roll call was ended Mr. White reported the motion to table had carried by 51 to 46. Mr. Lingenfelder reported it had lost by 54 to 43.

In the confusion that followed a motion to adjourn was made and carried with a thunderous vote of "aye." "Just like an old time convention," said a gray haired delegate, as he departed.

Candidate Norton was at his office in the Society for Savings building. His friends gathered there to report and held a jubilation meeting.

Members of a committee appointed by the Western Reserve club to discuss with directors of the Tippecanoe club a proposal that the two, both leading Republican organizations, join, appeared before the Tippecanoe club board yesterday afternoon.

The committeemen are Harry L. Vail, Samuel Kornhouser and M. V. Emerman. They urged upon the Tippecanoe club officials that one large Republican club would have more influence in Republican politics. The Tipps will act on the proposal later.

Ed S. Wertz of Wooster, who next week will succeed U. G. Denman as United States district attorney here, was in the city again yesterday. It was said definitely after he left that in appointing his first assistant he will select a man from among recommendations to be made by the Democratic organization of Cuyahoga county.

Friends of Mr. Wertz said he ex-

pected to return next Monday ready to take over the office.

Former Judge J. C. Bloch, Republican, is being urged by his friends to run for council in Ward 22. A committee has asked to be allowed to circulate petitions for him, but as yet he has not decided whether he will be a candidate.

It was announced yesterday that International Molders' unions Nos. 27 and 218 have indorsed John Archibald, Democrat and union member, for councilman in Ward 21.

## SEES CITY ORDER BOOST MEAT HERE

Food Inspector Thinks End of Country Inspection Will Jump Price.

Says Butchers Can't Ship to Cleveland if Rule is Upheld.

An advance in meat prices on or about April 1 was predicted yesterday by City Food Inspector C. W. Eddy as the result of the curtailment of the city department's country live stock inspection, necessitated by the foot and mouth disease situation. Abattoirs in the country districts surrounding Cleveland will not have city inspection on and after that date, and in consequence, these shippers will not be permitted to send their dressed meat to Cleveland.

"I believe it will have an effect on meat prices in Cleveland," Dr. Eddy said. "There is a class of trade that is dependent on the meat shipped from nearby points. These meats are sold in the markets at low prices. If there is no inspection, we cannot permit the meat to be shipped in. The shippers as well as the consumers will be hit by our order, but it cannot be helped, as we need our entire force of meat inspectors at the Cleveland stockyards because of the foot and mouth disease situation."

The situation was brought to the attention of Mayor Baker yesterday through a letter from Mayor H. C. Bickle of Chardon, stating citizens of Chardon are protesting against changes in inspection plans. Mayor Bickle points out to Mayor Baker that Dr. Eddy's order will prevent shippers in the Chardon district from disposing of their dressed meat in Cleveland.

The letter was referred to Welfare Director H. R. Cooley yesterday. Dr. Eddy said last night that unless funds were provided for an increase in the inspection force, the department's order would have to stand. "I am sorry, because it will hit the people who can least afford the raise in meat prices," he said.



## POOL ROOMS CLOSE AT 12, IS DECREE

Council Passes Stolte Ordinance, 20 to 5, Fixing Midnight as Hour.

Appoints Committee on Regulation of Jitney Busses.

Pool rooms must close at midnight. Council last night, 20 to 5, passed the Stolte ordinance fixing midnight as the closing hour for all pool and billiard rooms.

Opposition came from Councilman Alex Bernstein, who declared the present ordinance gives police ample power to close objectionable pool rooms.

Last night's meeting also was marked by the appointment of a special committee to prepare a report showing possible regulatory legislation that may be applied to the operation of jitney busses. The committee will report on franchise rights, schedules and license fees.

Information will be obtained from cities where the busses have been in operation. Councilman David Moylan is chairman of the committee.

A resolution by Councilman J. W. Reynolds proposing a general transit survey here was referred to the council committee on street railways. This survey is to include a study of surface lines, subways, elevated roads and motor busses to determine needs of the city and with a view to caring for future growth.

A resolution by Councilman W. J. Horrigan authorizing an investigation of the civil service method of conducting examinations was referred to the council committee on judiciary.

Public Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo reported it would cost \$2,000,000 to construct a subway under the new channel of the river at Scranton-rd S. W. for street railway and general traffic purposes. He opposes the improvement because of the expense. He said a bridge would be preferable.

To forward the elimination work of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate Councilman J. E. Votava offered a resolution authorizing the Nickel Plate to use a portion of the city's funds. The city's share of the cost is about \$710,000. The city later will be reimbursed by the railroad.

The city river and harbor commission notified council it had forwarded a dispatch to the war department at Washington asking that the permit to O. C. Barber for the construction of a 900-foot fill at the foot of E. 55th-st be held up. The communication was referred to the council committee on lake front development.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds believes council should ask for permission to establish a recreation pier at the foot of E. 55th-st to block the fill plan if it is held by city authorities the Barber improvement does not conform to the general lake front development policy.

An ordinance authorizing the extension of tracks in Clark-av S. W., from W. 65th-st to W. 73d-st, and in W. 73d-st from Clark-av to Denison-av S. W., was passed. The street railway company notified the council it will relay 35,551 feet of tracks at a cost of \$262,476 in 1915.

Councilman E. A. Meyers offered a resolution calling for the establishment of safety islands at E. 105th-st intersections, and a committee of five was named to study the question of establishing waiting stations at busy transfer points.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of a tract at E. 45th-st and the Nickel Plate tracks for street repair storage yard purposes was introduced. The property will cost \$28,000.

Including amendments asked by the committee on finance, an ordinance was passed authorizing the water department to expend \$500,000 on the filtration plant and the new Fairmount reservoir. The committee requested at a meeting in the afternoon the department state in the ordinance just how the money is to be expended.

## G. O. P. CHIEFTAINS DEADLOCKED OVER DAVIS INDORSEMENT

Delegates to the League of Republican Clubs deadlocked last night over a disputed vote on a motion to table a resolution repudiating the endorsement of Harry L. Davis by members of the Republican county central and executive committees. The session was a lively one, factions supporting Davis and Miner G. Norton each claiming a victory.

At the beginning of the meeting Pierre A. White, of the John Hay Club, offered a resolution to endorse Davis, as had been done by the committeemen.

Acting Chairman Owen Evans, of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, ruled it was out of order because the league had appointed a committee to try to straighten out the mayoralty situation. The chairman was sustained on an appeal.

### Elections Criticized.

A resolution emanating from the Norton camp was then offered. It recited that two Republicans already were candidates for mayor and others were mentioned, and criticized the method in which recent elections have been conducted.

"Be it resolved that we do hereby repudiate and denounce the action that has been taken by committees and committeemen that undertook to give one candidate any preference over the other," read the resolution.

After a good deal of debate a motion was made by F. V. Brady to lay the resolution on the table. A roll call was ordered. White, a Davis partisan, and H. D. Ligenfelter, of the first ward, a Nortonite, were chosen tellers.

### Tallies Differ.

When they got through counting Ligenfelter claimed that his tally showed 54 votes against tabling the resolution to 43 for tabling it. White asserted his tallysheet showed 51 in favor of tabling it to 43 against.

With that result, after further controversies, the meeting adjourned with the denunciatory resolution in the shape of unfinished business.

Five hundred petitions asking the repeal of the non-partisan preferential voting clauses of the city charter had been put in circulation yesterday, Francis V. Brady, a member of the committee that got out the petitions, announced.

Committees from the Western Reserve Club and the Tippecanoe Club held their initial meeting yesterday to discuss a merger of the two Republican organizations.

The Western Reserve diplomats communicated the desire of the club to have the clubs join for greater party efficiency and use the Crawford memorial clubhouse in E. 55th st. near Cedar ave.

The name of Western Reserve-Tippecanoe Club has been proposed. The Tippecanoe Club directors will be called in a special meeting to consider the proposal.

Supporters of former Judge J. C. Bloch yesterday asked him to be a candidate for council in the twenty-second ward. Bloch asked for time to consider.

Friends of Attorney J. J. Maguire are making a strong canvass for his appointment as assistant to J. J. Wertz when the latter is made district attorney here.

## SULZMANN OUT OF MAYORALTY RACE

Agreement Made With Witt;  
Relative of Rival Acts  
as Go-Between.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Definite plans for the withdrawal of John M. Sulzmann from the mayoralty race, leaving Peter Witt as the sole Democratic candidate, were made at a conference held between Sulzmann, Witt and Peter J. Henry, clerk of municipal court, at Sulzmann's cigar factory, 6802 Superior ave., Friday night. The facts came to light yesterday.

Sulzmann will announce his withdrawal late this week, in case Burr Gongwer, one of the active heads of the Democratic organization, returns to the city in time for Sulzmann to talk to him. If Gongwer remains away longer, Sulzmann may delay his withdrawal until next week.

"I realize that if there are two Democratic candidates, both will lose," Sulzmann said last night.

### Peter Goes Visiting.

Presence of Sulzmann in the race has been causing trouble for party leaders, who have been endeavoring to get Witt indorsed by ward clubs, it is said. County Clerk Haserodt, vice chairman of the Democratic committee, made a personal plea Friday that Witt be indorsed by the party club of the Twenty-third ward, but no action was taken.

According to the story told by Sulzmann, Witt and Henry walked in front of his factory and stood looking in the window. He asked them in and showed them through the plant. Witt and Sulzmann exchanged amenities, each hailing the other as "mayor," and each defying anyone to say he had uttered hard words concerning the other. Then Henry made a remark that "it was a shame two such nice fellows could not both get elected," or words to that effect.

"I told Peter that I was still feeling out sentiment, and that when I was completely satisfied that he should have the field, I would withdraw and declare for him and support him as sturdily as I could," Sulzmann said. "He reached over and shook my hand and thanked me."

What else was said at the meeting is not known. Henry, admitting that he and Witt had talked with Sulzmann about the mayoralty, declared he was under pledge to keep silence.

### Henry as Strategist.

Sulzmann said that he would have "an announcement" to make either this week or early next week, depending on Gongwer's return. His action will disappoint many of his admirers, who have been sending daily delegations to him.

The incident confirms the belief of many politicians that Henry will have a part in directing the strategy of Witt's campaign. Witt and Henry have been allies for years in party politics, and Henry has been accompanying Witt to ward clubs. Probably no man better fitted to get results could have accompanied Witt on his visit to Sulzmann. Sulzmann and Henry are relatives by marriage and have always been close friends.

## MAYOR ORDERS DETECTIVE STAFF REORGANIZATION

Promotion System Without  
Men Leaving Bureau In-  
sisted On by Baker.

## OFFICIALS IN CONFERENCE

Veterans Tell Objections to Pres-  
ent Plan; Salary Adjust-  
ments to Follow.

Dissatisfaction in the ranks of the city detectives and consequent crippling of department work caused Mayor Baker to hold a secret conference yesterday with Chief Rowe, Director Benesch and two veteran members of the detective service and order a rearrangement of the detective bureau.

Immediately after the mayor's conference had been dismissed, Captain Walker, head of the detective department, held a secret meeting with seven of the oldest detectives to try to plan a new system for promotions and salary adjustment among the officers.

At police headquarters rumors of a wide-flung shakeup in the detective system were heard last night. Mayor Baker's insistence that some way be devised so that detectives might be able to win promotion and steady positions, and yet remain in the service at headquarters and not be subject to the whim of any of the heads of the department, was marked in the afternoon conference.

### Bureau Constantly Crippled.

For more than a year there has been trouble in the detective department and valued detectives have been leaving to take examinations for promotion. Since there is no provision for promotion and continuance in the detective service at the same time, every advance in the rank of a capable headquarter's man has promptly removed him from that department. The bureau, as a consequence, has been constantly crippled through the very natural desire of the detectives to gain the higher ranks of the uniform service.

Under the present system, although a patrolman assigned to detective duty receives the pay of a lieutenant, he cannot increase his official rank unless he takes examinations, success in which takes him back to the uniform branch of the service. Likewise the detective's grip on the wage of a lieutenant is insecure since he may at any time and without notice or explanation be reduced to the duties and pay of a patrolman at the pleasure of the head of the department.

In the last year alone three of the most experienced members of the detective service have taken sergeant's examinations, passed, and gone voluntarily into the uniformed work at a lower wage. These men are Sergeants Fitch, Costello and Brecht.

### Conference Called for Shake-up.

These things have caused a split in the department that came to Baker's notice in some way. There was some mystery, however, about the reason why the mayor at the time called the conference to shake up the detective system.

Late yesterday afternoon Baker called in Rowe, Benesch and Det-



ives John Shibley and Gideon Rabshaw, the two last named veterans of more than twelve years of service in the department.

Baker wanted to know why the men were dissatisfied. He was told plainly the reasons, the chief one being that the men had small chance for promotion, although doing dangerous and skilled work, and that always they are facing the possibility of summary reduction to the uniformed patrolman's duty. Baker was informed of the fact that at the end of a distinguished career as a detective operative, a man was still in rank a patrolman.

#### Rowe Opposes Change.

Chief Rowe at the beginning of the conference opposed any change that would prevent the chief from demoting any detective, but made his argument purely in the interest of efficiency. He contended that, although all detectives were lieutenants and could not be demoted prior to 1903, when Kohler became chief, the service was not satisfactory; but he freely agreed that there was need for a better condition for the detective members of the department, and promised enthusiastic support for any practical plan suggested.

Baker, after he had heard from the two detectives, declared some change must be made in the system to permit a detective to have higher rank and a stable position without leaving the bureau.

One plan was discussed in the meeting for accomplishing these ends. It provided that the first five years that a man was a detective he should be subject to the chief's removal, and should be paid a sergeant's salary of \$1,300 instead of a lieutenant's pay of \$1,450. At the end of five years, if the patrolman still remained a detective, he would be promoted to sergeant and at the end of another five years to a lieutenant. The promotions could not be set aside by the chief.

## COUNCIL TAKES TIGHT HOLD ON STAGE FINANCE

Discovers Part of \$75,000 Set  
Aside for Boilers Is Used  
to Pay \$68,000 Bonus  
to Contractors.

### DIRECTOR MUST SPECIFY FURTHER EXPENDITURES

Ordinance to Close Poolrooms at  
12 O'clock Passed; Grade  
Crossing Measure Rushed.

Discovery that a part of a \$75,000 appropriation, tentatively set aside for buying boilers, had been used to pay filtration plant contractor's bonuses, led the city council last night to tighten its control on expenditures by the department of public utilities.

Director Stage was made to revise an ordinance granting his department authority to spend \$500,000 for filtration purposes and set forth in detail how the money is to be expended. Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary of the department, pleaded with the finance committee that this would tie the hands of the department and would delay the completion of the Division ave. filtration plant. The council backed up the finance committee and approved the amendments.

Criticism of blanket expenditures by the department several months ago led to the council insisting on Stage supplying it with a memorandum showing how proposed expenditures were to be made. At the time of the last authority ordinance it was agreed that \$75,000 was to be spent for boilers for the Division ave. plant.

#### \$68,000 Paid in Bonuses.

Chairman Damm discovered at the finance committee meeting that a part of this sum has been used to pay \$68,000 to the John E. Casey Company for completing filtration work six months ahead of the estimated time of city engineers.

"We did not know just how much of a bonus the Casey company would be entitled to and could not ask the council to set aside money for this at the time of the last authority ordinance," said Sarbinsky in explanation.

"A private business is required to keep within its appropriations," said Damm. "We have a right to know where city funds are going."

Stage estimated that the additional half million allowed by the council last night would be spent as follows: Extension of mains, \$150,000; coagulant house, \$35,000; screen house, \$33,000; tracks and track scales, \$5,000; boilers, \$75,000; valves, \$48,000; meters, \$37,000; pig lead, \$5,000, with the remainder divided into smaller miscellaneous funds.

#### Poolroom Ordinance Passed.

In the face of opposition of poolroom proprietors the council, by a vote of 21 to 5, passed the Stolte ordinance closing poolrooms at midnight. Councilman Bernstein said that police had full power to suppress any poolroom and that additional legislation was not needed. With McGinty, Horrigan, Townes and Meyers, he voted against the measure.

Councilman Horrigan's resolution requesting the appointment of a com-

mittee of three to investigate the workings of the civil service provisions of the city charter was referred to the judiciary committee. The Eighth ward councilmen object to the commission delegating its examining powers to citizens' committees.

An emergency clause declaring passage necessary for the immediate preservation of public safety was tacked on legislation authorizing a start with city funds on West Side Nickel Plate grade crossing elimination work. Money has been available since 1910.

The transfer of \$1,500 from bridge and viaduct maintenance funds to permit the establishment of a city bureau for adjusting telephone complaints, was asked by Councilman

Meyers. Meyers also asked the department of public safety to establish safety zones at E. 55th st. and Euclid and Superior aves. and E. 105th st. and Euclid and Superior aves.

Councilman Townes asked the department of public service to prepare plans for opening a street through undeveloped territory lying in Big Creek valley, between W. 25th st. and Jennings rd.

#### Track Renewal Asked.

The Cleveland Railway Company asked authority to renew 35,551 feet of track at a cost of \$262,247.57. The largest track renewal planned is on Miles ave., from Broadway to Corlett, a distance of 17,712 feet.

The company was directed to prepare plans for operating Payne ave. cars to the E. 105th st. level, on the completion of the Hough ave. extension.

Councilman Reynolds' resolution, directing the city engineer to make a survey of Cleveland's entire transportation system, was referred to the street railway committee.

Director of Public Service Sidlo reported that the cost of a subway under the Cuyahoga river at the proposed Huron-Lorain high level bridge site is prohibitive.

Councilmen Tack, Meyers, Marquard, Gahn and Sledz were named on a special committee to report on plans for establishing public comfort stations at street car transfer points.

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## What Council Did Tuesday Night

Here's business transacted by council Tuesday night:

Passed ordinance to close poolrooms at midnight.

Referred resolution to inquire into Billy Sunday's alleged statement rapping munny dance halls.

Authorized committee to collect data on jitney bus regulation.

Referred proposal for transit problem survey.

Received letters from river and harbor commission suggesting investigation of permit given O. C. Barber to fill in lake front at E. 55th-st.

Authorized building of double track on Clark-av.

Received ordinance ordering use of city funds for elimination of West-side Nickel-plate grade crossings.

Referred to special committee proposal to build comfort stations at important street railway intersections.

Referred resolution authorizing investigation of civil service commission.

Ordered report on feasibility of extending Payne-av car line to E. 105th-st.

Referred Concon request to do \$320,495 worth of track work.



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Council recently voted \$700,000 for municipal light extensions, while \$2,000,000 in bonds were approved three years ago. If taken from within the bond limit, \$2,700,000 in bonds for other purposes could be issued by council.

Townes at Wednesday afternoon's probe of city finances was prepared to state that the city's bonded indebtedness now is \$49,124,880, and that it will be increased by \$3,845,000 March 8 when bonds are passed.

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# RACE FOR CITY COURT PLACES GROWS HOTTER

Becomes Center of Political Interest as Mayoralty Contest  
Lags—Field of Candidates Crowded.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

While mayoralty politics remained stationary yesterday, attention of the politicians was riveted on the preliminary scramble for the job of judges and clerk of municipal court. The field in the winter circuit of this branch of politics is crowded already.

Clerk Peter J. Henry, of the municipal court, will be a candidate for re-election for a four-year term. The candidacy of Patrick F. Gibbons, 6218 Carl ave., against Henry was announced yesterday. Gibbons represented the Twenty-third ward as a councilman during the Johnson administration, and later was a deputy in the county clerk's office during the administration of Charles P. Salen. Petitions for Gibbons were in circulation last night.

## New Election Bill.

Under the present laws, candidates for a chief justice and three judges will be nominated at the party primaries in August. If the bill, which the legislature is to be asked to pass to change the municipal court law is adopted, there will be no primaries, but a chief justice and five judges will be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.

Chief Justice W. H. McGannon is a candidate for re-election and Wilfred J. Mahon, a Republican, is the only man mentioned so far for this place aside from him.

Judge Samuel Kramer, Republican, and George P. Baer and Maurice Bernstein, Democrats, will be candidates for re-election. Against them the names of many attorneys are being mentioned already, among them being Frederick P. Walther, Thomas Green, O. W. Broadwell, Frank T. Hainen, Stephen Young, Virgil Terrell and Edward David. Police Prosecutors James Reyan, Frank Day and Samuel Silbert are to be candidates for judgeships.

## Governor Willis Here Today.

Governor Frank B. Willis will make his first visit to Cleveland since election today, when he comes to address the banquet of the Traffic club of Cleveland at the Hotel Statler. While the governor may talk to some of his close political friends on his visit here, his trip is non-political in character. He will return to Columbus tonight.

Echoes of the lively meeting of the League of Republican clubs Tuesday, at which followers of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton deadlocked, reverberated yesterday and an attempt to get an indorsement by the league for Davis is to be made by Davis' friends at a special meeting next week. So much was determined at a conference of Davis' followers in the office of George B. Harris in the Engineers building. P. A. White was entrusted with the task of getting signatures for the call for the meeting.

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Gerald, A. B. Spresty and A. A. Cartwright, for a special meeting Tuesday night in the Engineers building. Brachwitz said he would call the meeting. White said an effort to have all delegates to the league present would be made.

## Decision Disputed.

Davis partisans among the delegates to the league claimed yesterday that the decision by the chairman that a two-thirds majority of the delegates was needed to overrule the decision that a motion to indorse Davis was out of order, was illegal. The next meeting will have before it under the head of unfinished business the disputed resolution to repudiate the action of the Republican committeemen in endorsing Davis.

# FACKLER BOOSTS DEPOT SITE VALUE

Appraises at \$2,203,235 Land  
Baker Offers Railroads  
for \$1,400,000.

Lakeview park land offered by Mayor Baker to railroads for a union depot site at a price of \$1,400,000 is appraised at \$2,203,235 in tentative valuations given out by Tax Commissioner Fackler. He values the lake front land at \$1.50 a square foot.

There are 1,535,490 square feet in the tract which the city offered to the railroads. Union station negotiations are to be resumed at a conference in Baker's office March 22, and definite action must be taken at that time if the transaction is to be closed before the end of Baker's term.

At the time that Baker made the offer to the railroads he said the price named was substantially less than that fixed by many real estate experts. The fact that railroads must erect a monumental station justified the lower price, Baker said. Sale of the land must be ratified at a referendum election.

# TENEMENT CODE ALTERED, MEET M'GINTY'S VIEW

Majority of Forty-Five Amendments to Drastic Ordinance  
Adopted by Special  
Council Committee.

Important changes in the proposed tenement house code, drawn by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce, were made by a special council committee yesterday when it considered Councilman McGinty's forty-five amendments.

A majority of McGinty's amendments were agreed to and the Ninewards councilman announced would support the measure in the form approved by the committee. It has been making a vigorous campaign against sections applying to present tenement buildings.

The committee struck out provisions penalizing tenants for occupying unlicensed tenement buildings established a board of appeals which will pass upon controversies between tenement owners and the commissioner of buildings, and amended the ordinance so sections applying to existing buildings will not become effective until January 1, 1916.

## To Restrict Inspections.

The committee also voted to restrict inspections by sanitary officers to "reasonable hours," but voted down McGinty's amendment to inspections after night. He claimed families would be unduly disturbed and that full inspection could be made during the day time.

License provisions were allowed stand, although Councilman Smith wanted to make it a registration of \$1.

At McGinty's suggestion the ordinance was changed so a saloon owner can live in the rear of his building without having the saloon and apartment separated by a fireproof wall.

## Want to Pass Act Monday.

Sections of the code providing for 500 cubic feet of air in rooms occupied by adults had been left out of the amended ordinance, it developed at the hearing. "We don't know who authorized the change but we insist upon the original provision," said T. C. Welstead, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Foster, chairman of the special committee, said effort would be made to suspend the rule and pass the ordinance at Monday night's council meeting. McGinty said he was willing this should be done. His fight against the code was directed only at sections which would drive hundreds of families into streets and raise rents, he said.



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"State legislators should go extremely slow in considering the Briggs bill," Townes declared. "While city officials disclaim any intention of taking advantage of the measure immediately should it be approved, it would be possible to run the city millions into debt in the future. It apparently is a grave menace to a city's financial standing."

While Councilmen Fitzgerald, Woods and Dittick were considering plans that would block the measure, Baker defended it on the ground it would put the lighting system here on an equal basis with the water-works, once the light plant earned enough to be self-supporting. Baker admitted that while he didn't draw up the bill personally, he suggested it. It is expected the entire Cuyahoga delegation will take notice of Baker's approval and back Briggs.

Council recently voted \$700,000 for municipal light extensions, while \$2,000,000 in bonds were approved three years ago. If taken from within the bond limit, \$2,700,000 in bonds for other purposes could be issued by council.

Townes at Wednesday afternoon's probe of city finances was prepared to state that the city's bonded indebtedness now is \$49,134,880, and that it will be increased by \$3,845,000 March 8, when bonds to that amount are offered for sale.

In examining Finance Director Coughlin's records he learned \$1,000 worth of South Brooklyn bonds, with which a sewer now being supplanted by the city was built, do not mature until 1921, 1922 and 1926. While taxpayers still paying interest on the issue the improvement long since has been abandoned. Townes said Wednesday would call the committee's attention to a statement made recently by Baker at Memphis school that the city's efforts at sewer work in South Brooklyn have been a disgrace.

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# RACE FOR CITY COURT PLACES GROWS HOTTER

Becomes Center of Political Interest as Mayoralty Contest  
Lags—Field of Candidates Crowded.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

While mayoralty politics remained stationary yesterday, attention of the politicians was riveted on the preliminary scramble for the job of judges and clerk of municipal court. The field in the winter circuit of this branch of politics is crowded already.

Clerk Peter J. Henry, of the municipal court, will be a candidate for re-election for a four-year term. The candidacy of Patrick F. Gibbons, 6218 Carl ave., against Henry was announced yesterday. Gibbons represented the Twenty-third ward as a councilman during the Johnson administration, and later was a deputy in the county clerk's office during the administration of Charles P. Salen. Petitions for Gibbons were in circulation last night.

## New Election Bill.

Under the present laws, candidates for a chief justice and three judges will be nominated at the party primaries in August. If the bill, which the legislature is to be asked to pass to change the municipal court law is adopted, there will be no primaries, but a chief justice and five judges will be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.

Chief Justice W. H. McGannon is a candidate for re-election and Wilfred J. Mahon, a Republican, is the only man mentioned so far for this place aside from him.

Judge Samuel Kramer, Republican, and George P. Baer and Maurice Bernstein, Democrats, will be candidates for re-election. Against them the names of many attorneys are being mentioned already, among them being Frederick P. Walther, Thomas Green, O. W. Broadwell, Frank T. Hainen, Stephen Young, Virgil Terrell and Edward David. Police Prosecutors James Reyant, Frank Day and Samuel Silbert are to be candidates for judgeships.

## Governor Willis Here Today.

Governor Frank B. Willis will make his first visit to Cleveland since election today, when he comes to address the banquet of the Traffic club of Cleveland at the Hotel Statler. While the governor may talk to some of his close political friends on his visit here, his trip is non-political in character. He will return to Columbus tonight.

Echoes of the lively meeting of the League of Republican clubs Tuesday, at which followers of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton deadlocked, reverberated yesterday and an attempt to get an indorsement by the league for Davis is to be made by Davis' friends at a special meeting next week. So much was determined at a conference of Davis' followers in the office of George B. Harris in the Engineers building. P. A. White was entrusted with the task of getting signatures for the call for the meeting.

White last night served on President John Braschwitz, of the league, a call signed by himself, Alex. Bernstein, Thomas Fleming, W. S. Fitz-

Gerald, A. B. Sprosty and A. A. Cartwright, for a special meeting Tuesday night in the Engineers building. Braschwitz said he would call the meeting. White said an effort to have all delegates to the league present would be made.

## Decision Disputed.

Davis partisans among the delegates to the league claimed yesterday that the decision by the chairman that a two-thirds majority of the delegates was needed to overrule the decision that a motion to indorse Davis was out of order, was illegal. The next meeting will have before it under the head of unfinished business the disputed resolution to repudiate the action of the Republican committeemen in endorsing Davis.

# FACKLER BOOSTS DEPOT SITE VALUE

Appraises at \$2,203,235 Land  
Baker Offers Railroads  
for \$1,400,000.

Lakeview park land offered by Mayor Baker to railroads for a union depot site at a price of \$1,400,000 is appraised at \$2,203,235 in tentative valuations given out by Tax Commissioner Fackler. He values the lake front land at \$1.50 a square foot.

There are 1,585,490 square feet in the tract which the city offered to the railroads. Union station negotiations are to be resumed at a conference in Baker's office March 22, and definite action must be taken at that time if the transaction is to be closed before the end of Baker's term.

At the time that Baker made the offer to the railroads he said the price named was substantially less than that fixed by many real estate experts. The fact that railroads must erect a monumental station justified the lower price, Baker said. Sale of the land must be ratified at a referendum election.

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# TENEMENT CODE ALTERED, MEET M'GINTY'S VIEW

Majority of Forty-Five Amendments to Drastic Ordinance  
Adopted by Special  
Council Committee.

Important changes in the proposed tenement house code, drawn by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce, were made by a special council committee yesterday when it considered Councilman McGinty's forty-five amendments.

A majority of McGinty's amendments were agreed to and the Ninewards councilman announced would support the measure in the form approved by the committee. He has been making a vigorous campaign against sections applying to present tenement buildings.

The committee struck out provisions penalizing tenants for occupying unlicensed tenement buildings established a board of appeals which will pass upon controversies between tenement owners and the commissioner of buildings, and amended the ordinance so sections applying to existing buildings will not become effective until January 1, 1916.

## To Restrict Inspections.

The committee also voted to restrict inspections by sanitary officers to "reasonable hours," but voted down McGinty's amendment to inspections after night. He claimed families would be unduly disturbed and that full inspection could be made during the day time.

License provisions were allowed stand, although Councilman Smith wanted to make it a registration of \$1.

At McGinty's suggestion the ordinance was changed so a saloon owner can live in the rear of his building without having the saloon and apartment separated by a fireproof wall.

## Want to Pass Act Monday.

Sections of the code providing for 500 cubic feet of air in rooms occupied by adults had been left out of the amended ordinance, it developed at the hearing. "We don't know who authorized the change but we insist upon the original provision," said T. C. Welstead, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Foster, chairman of the special committee, said effort would be made to suspend the rule and pass the ordinance at Monday night's council meeting. McGinty said he was willing this should be done. His fight against the code directed only at sections which would drive hundreds of families into streets and raise rents, he said.



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## CALL NEW MEETING TO INDORSE DAVIS

Maschke's Forces, Supporting Candidate, Insist on G. O. P. Support.

Republicans Wonder if Willis Will Reconcile Factions Today.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Supporters of Harry L. Davis and political associates of Maurice Maschke yesterday began active preparations to have the Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs indorse Mr. Davis for mayor at a special meeting which they requested be held next Tuesday night, and which President John Braschwitz consented to call.

The Davis forces had their plans checked at a meeting of the league night before last. The session adjourned in an uproar after Chairman Owen Evans had ruled out of order a resolution to indorse Mr. Davis, and after tellers had differed in their count of a vote to table a resolution denouncing the Republican county executive and central committees for indorsing Mr. Davis. This resolution was drafted by backers of Miner G. Norton.

The demand for a special meeting was decided on at a conference of Davis backers in the offices of George B. Harris in the Engineers building. The word regarding the conference was that the Maschke and Davis forces, determining it would not do to let the situation stand, had decided to show their strength in the league. The request to President Braschwitz that the special meeting be held was made in the names of Pierre A. White, Councilman Alex Bernstein, A. B. Sprosty, A. A. Cartwright and Tom Fleming.

Peter J. Henry, Democrat, clerk of municipal court, who will be a candidate for re-election in this fall's election, will have opposition in the candidacy of Patrick F. Gibbons, 6218 Carl-av N. E., it was stated yesterday. Mr. Gibbons formerly was a councilman, and was deputy county clerk.

Petitions for Mr. Gibbons, who also is a Democrat, are to be put in circulation at once.

It was reported yesterday Republican leaders have tried without avail to have either George Wallace or Herman Schleman oppose Clerk Henry.

Frank R. Lander, Republican, former county surveyor, was back in the city yesterday after a visit to Columbus in the interests of his candidacy for appointment as state highway commissioner. Mr. Lander called on Gov. Willis at the governor's request, the governor wishing to better become better acquainted with the Cleveland man.

James B. Ruhl was in Columbus Tuesday, also, and it was understood he went to explain to Gov. Willis the qualifications of Mr. Lander for the office he seeks. Maurice Maschke and other Republican organization leaders are for Mr. Lander, whose chances are said to be excellent.

Republicans were wondering yesterday whether the visit of Gov. Willis to Cleveland tonight, to speak at the banquet of the Traffic club at Hotel Statler, will be made the occasion for an effort among Republican leaders to agree with the governor on a conciliation plan which would cement the factions of the party in this county.

The governor is to reach here at 4:40 this afternoon, and will stop at Hotel Statler. He will return to Columbus on a midnight train.

The William Gordon club of Ward 10 has indorsed Peter Witt for mayor and Councilman John W. Reynolds for re-election to council. The club is to meet again Sunday night. A general invitation has been extended to join the organization.

## COUNCILMEN CLASH OVER CITY FINANCE

Exchange Caustic Remarks Concerning Inquiry Into Fund Status.

State Law to Authorize Serial Bonds is Proposed.

Members of council clashed yesterday at a meeting of the special committee named to investigate the city's bonded indebtedness, to propose methods of retrenchment and to determine whether city funds are being expended in an economical manner.

The resolution calling for this quiz was offered by Councilman Clayton C. Townes at a meeting several weeks ago.

"The part of the resolution calling for an investigation of the expenditures of city funds needs some explanation," said Councilman J. W. Reynolds. "If Mr. Townes wants to go over all of the items of the appropriation ordinance just passed I move that he be made a committee of one to conduct this part of the investigation."

"I don't remember that Mr. Townes ever attended a single meeting of the committees when the appropriation

ordinance was under discussion nor did he make a single suggestion," said Chairman A. J. Damm.

Councilman Townes denied this and declared that his purpose in offering the resolution was to obtain information regarding the city's financial condition.

"I refuse to conduct a school of finance," thundered Councilman Reynolds.

Councilman Townes then agreed to go over the items in the appropriation ordinance with Finance Director Coughlin. The director proposed that the council urge the legislature to pass a law exempting tax levies for sinking fund purposes from the Smith limitations.

This plan was favored by the state tax commission named under the former state administration.

The committee will meet Monday afternoon and a resolution may be offered at the evening session of council following the suggestion of the finance director. It is his belief that the city should not be limited in its powers to raise funds to meet its

obligations.

Councilman Townes proposed that the passage of a law requiring all cities to issue serial bonds and to make them extend over a period of years that is no longer than the life of the improvement in every case.

## FOOT AND MOUTH WAR UP TO STATE SAYS THE MAYOR

Cleveland, He Declares, Has No More Money Left to Pay for Additional Inspectors Needed.

MILK IS NOT NOW BEING  
WATCHED AS IT SHOULD BE

Agriculture Board to Be Urged to  
Employ More Men to Fight  
Disease.

Combating foot and mouth disease among Ohio cattle is more of a matter for the state agricultural commission than the city dairy and food bureau, Mayor Baker told representatives of the industrial development and municipal sanitation committees of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Baker agreed to accompany the committee to Columbus to urge the state agricultural commission to employ more inspectors in an effort to stamp out the disease. He said that the city was without funds to employ extra meat and dairy inspectors for this work.

The visit of the committee followed a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, at which Commissioner of Health Ford and Dr. C. H. Eddy, head of the meat and dairy inspection bureau, told of efforts being made by the city to wipe out the foot and mouth disease in sections supplying Cleveland with milk.

The entire force of inspectors has been delegated to this work and inspection of milk is suffering, Dr. Eddy said.

## Every Block a Village, Baker Utopian Idea

Mayor Reveals His Innermost Soul's Aspirations of Cleveland Made Great in Address to Council Educational Alliance.

BUT—AND HERE'S THE  
RUB—THERE ARE NO FUNDS

A long cherished dream of social workers here which would transform Cleveland into a series of villages built about regular town squares formed the theme of Mayor Baker's talk last night before the annual meeting at the Council Educational Alliance, Woodland ave. The step Utopia-ward was suggested by J. R. Riddle, headworker at the Goodrich House.

The city of villages was described by Baker as a series of squares about which would be grouped the stores, moving picture theaters and fire and police stations. Within its confines children would romp and grow fat and fathers and mothers would gather of an evening to gossip. The only flaw in the plan seen by the mayor was lack of funds to carry the project into execution.

Returning from the trip toward Utopia the members of the alliance devoted their time to more mundane matters and seven members of the board of trustees were re-elected.



## CITY ACTS AS MILK PURITY IS PERILED

Will Send Health Official to Columbus to Get Aid in Hoof and Mouth Ill.

Doctors Find Disease in Dairy Centers Supplying Cleveland.

Foreseeing a menace to Cleveland's milk supply in the spread of hoof and mouth disease in territories furnishing the city with dairy products, health authorities yesterday decided upon joint action with the Chamber of Commerce to seek state and city protective measures.

State action desired is the appropriation of \$8,000 to provide additional inspectors with veterinarian qualifications to pay special attention to areas where dairy herds either are infected or directly exposed to hoof and mouth disease.

City co-operation, it was pointed out to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday, might take practical form in the speedy adoption by city council of the new ordinance before the committee on health and sanitation making compulsory pasteurization of all milk sold in Cleveland.

Immediate action was deemed imperative after Dr. C. W. Eddy, city veterinarian, and Dr. C. E. Ford, commissioner of health, had given details of the extent of the infection in territories from which Cleveland draws its milk supply to a joint meeting of the agricultural development committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the municipal sanitation committee, over which Elbert H. Baker presided at the Chamber of Commerce building yesterday.

Sympathetic consideration was given in the discussion to the voluntary sacrifices farmers are making in co-operation with state and city inspectors to stamp out the disease, but Doctors Ford and Eddy declared city milk and inspection departments were handicapped by lack of trained inspectors.

Chamber of Commerce committee's help was solicited in the creation of sentiment to make possible an immediate appropriation to appoint sufficient additional veterinarian inspectors to safeguard the city's milk supply.

A committee of three, E. H. Baker, Dr. Hudson D. Bishop and John Sherwin, was appointed to take the matter up with Mayor Baker and urge the appropriation of the necessary funds.

Mayor Baker declared himself in hearty sympathy with the purposes of the committee and in the interests of the safety of Cleveland milk consumers promised to do everything possible to obtain the adequate and expert inspection advised by Drs. Ford and Eddy.

"Obviously this work is as important to the state at large as to Cleveland and is properly a state function," the mayor asserted when E. H. Baker said the inspection covered an area of approximately 200 miles, took in parts of Michigan, Indiana and New York states and went as far south as Delaware, O.

"I have realized for some time this situation is serious, but the thing which troubles me is how far the city of Cleveland ought to accept the responsibility," the mayor told the delegation.

After a long conference it was decided to get into touch with the state agricultural department and to arrange a meeting in Columbus with the Chamber of Commerce committee and Dr. Eddy.

Dr. Eddy declared an emergency.

so far as Cleveland is directly concerned, has arisen in the Wellington district, an important source of supply for the city.

Both Dr. Eddy and Dr. Ford pointed out that seventy herds in that territory were directly exposed at a recent cattle show and that already twenty-eight of those seventy herds were definitely infected with hoof and mouth disease.

"Every available inspector has been sent to that area and we must have additional inspectors to keep a close watch on other districts from which Cleveland gets its milk supply," Dr. Eddy said.

"Cleveland has an adequate supply of milk, but if the disease spreads our supply may be seriously menaced and possibly curtailed," Dr. Ford stated.

The doctors pointed out that since it has been established birds and shepherd dogs are capable of spreading the infection, it is highly important all possible safeguards shall be taken to check the epidemic and to stamp it out.

## SEES CITY SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM

McGinty Acts to Have Council Provide Model Homes for Thousands.

Bond Issue for Tenements May be Voted on in November.

Declaring that a thousand or more families will be forced from their homes in the Haymarket district because of changes about to take place in that section, Councilman J. J. McGinty announced yesterday he would offer a resolution in council at Monday night's meeting calling for the appointment of a committee of three to devise ways and means for the establishment of a model tenement district.

This resolution will be offered after council takes final action on the pending tenement code which will be passed Monday, according to general opinion.

"It is up to the city to furnish other homes for the thousands of families that are to be driven from their present homes by this legislation and by the establishment of freight terminals in the Haymarket district," said Councilman McGinty.

According to Councilman McGinty such a study may lead to a report in favor of the submission of a bond lead to the recommendation that the city co-operate with philanthropic interests in the building up of a model issue to the voters of Cleveland at the election in November or it may earn tenement district. The Chamber

of Commerce housing committee has long taken an interest in housing problems and the appointment of a council committee may lead to joint meetings with the chamber's representatives.

"The city of Cleveland cannot pass drastic legislation like the tenement code and not take steps to provide homes for the people who will be forced to seek new quarters," said Councilman McGinty.

Former Councilman Harry L. French, who studied the housing question while a member of the council some years ago, proposed to Councilman McGinty yesterday that the model tenement district be made part of the lower Kingsbury park development scheme.

## ALLIANCE HEARKENS TO CITY OFFICIALS

Social Settlement Organization Hears Talks and Report and Picks Trustees.

Mayor, Dr. Peterson and Rabbi Gries Among Speakers.

Expert counsel on phases of settlement work was given trustees of the Council Educational alliance, 3754 Woodland-av S. E., at the annual meeting last night along with the annual report of Walter L. Solomon, head worker, and the selection of trustees for the new year.

Dr. E. A. Peterson, chief medical examiner of the public schools, Miss Grace Drake of the Cleveland Music school settlement; Mayor Newton D. Baker, J. B. Riddle, representing Goodrich house, and others addressed the meeting on phases of settlement work.

Rabbi Moses J. Gries of The Temple was chairman of the meeting. Safety Director A. A. Benesch acted as secretary.

These trustees were elected unanimously: Isadore Grossman, Rabbi Gries, Rabbi Louis Wolsey of the Euclid Avenue temple, Ralph S. Silver, S. Rocker, Isaac G. Haas and Louis M. Wolf.

Mentioning the clubs of young men and women, the educational activities of the alliance, playgrounds, boys' court and domestic science de-

partment of the alliance, Mr. Solomon devoted his report to an analysis of the aims of the institution. A settlement house, he said, should aim to create a "house spirit" among those who use it. This spirit appears to be highly developed at the alliance, he said.

Introducing the head worker, Rabbi Gries said he believed the efficiency of the alliance has been doubled under the direction of Mr. Solomon.

Dr. Peterson, speaking on playgrounds, said the city is in its infancy in the matter of developing a play technique. The ideal play teacher, he said, does as little teaching as possible, merely trying to guide in wholesome channels the inherent capacity of the child for amusement. Mayor Baker described the functions of the settlement house by saying it should promote a better citizenship and bring its neighborhood in touch with government.

## TAX HUCKSTERS \$25 A YEAR IS NEW CITY PLAN

Between 400 and 500 hucksters and vendors who frequent downtown thoroughfares, particularly Woodland ave. between Eagle ave. and E. 23d st., on market days, will be charged a license fee of \$20 or \$25 a year if plans put up to Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo Friday by Market Superintendent Kamp are approved by council.

Sidlo told Kamp he favored the licensing plan, but did not know yet whether the fees suggested are proper. Baker said he would agree to anything approved by Sidlo. Councilmen also promised support.

According to Kamp nearly 700 farmers and gardeners, who have stands in the vicinity of the Central market and on E. 9th st. and Central ave., now are assessed an annual license fee of \$10. But the vendors and hucksters, a majority of whom compete with the \$10 licensees, are forced to pay only a fifty-cent peddlers' license. The city in both cases is forced to clean up after them, he claimed.

Kamp said Friday he will soon re-new agitation for a new East Side market in the vicinity of Eagle ave. and E. 9th st. Land, he estimated, would cost \$600,000 to \$700,000, while a structure could be put up for \$550,000.

The new West Side market brings \$19,000 a year in rent and the old East Side market \$31,000. In a new structure the East Side revenue could be brought up to \$50,000, Kamp estimated, more than enough to pay for the upkeep and interest on bonds.

## HOLD UP BARBER SUBWAY PERMIT UNTIL U. S. ACT

Mayor Baker and council planned Friday to hold up O. Barber's application for a franchise to build a freight subway through 55th st. until the government gives its decision on Barber's application to make extensive fills in the harbor off the foot of E. 55th street. The franchise will be refused if the proposed fill interferes with city plans for municipal piers, Baker said. Major Bond, U. S. engineer who granted Barber permission to make the 900-foot fill and later reversed by his supervisors, planned to give a public hearing on Barber's application. City officials will attempt to oppose Barber. Councilman G. said Bond had no authority to give Barber the permission without a public hearing. He will fight on the city's side.

Barber's plan to fill in the lake to erect big piers will destroy the municipal pier plans, Councilman McGinty, chairman of the harbor wharves' committee, said.

"I do not know whether Barber's plans will interfere with the city plans for municipal piers," Baker said. "We shall not grant a franchise for the subway through E. 55th unless Barber's plans are in harmony with those of the city."



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## TOWNES POINTS WAY TO REDUCE CITY EXPENSES

Councilman Clayton Townes Friday said that by adopting efficiency methods city officials could save taxpayers \$200,000 a year.

That is Townes' reply to Councilmen Reynolds and Damm, who told Townes to consider himself a committee of one appointed to find out whether the city is spending its money economically.

Here are the reforms Townes says should be adopted: Centralization of inspection work into one department; consolidation of the street cleaning and street repair departments; consolidation of the park and recreation work under one head; consolidation of the muny light and waterworks department.

"Too much emphasis is now placed on jobs at city hall," said Townes. "For instance, almost every department has a corps of inspectors. When a new house is built a half dozen inspectors fall over each other. I see no reason why all inspection should not be brought under one head."

Separation of departments that naturally come under one head is another waste of money, Townes says. By combining the light and water works departments, one clerical force could be practically done away with, he says. The same duplication of work, he

## WITT'S FOR ONE PHONE SYSTEM

Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, Friday issued statement No. 2 in his campaign. The statement follows:

"One telephone system is a blessing. Two are a curse. Our rival companies are in competition with each other for business, and not service or cost.

"They should consolidate. This both refuse to do, for consolidation under the laws of Ohio must be made on a basis of physical value only. Both companies are destined to grow. The larger they become, the greater the nuisance.

"Our only relief, therefore, is to compel an interchange of service, which service should be rendered for a reasonable return on the cost involved."

## MAYOR ASKS FUND FOR STOCK INSPECTION

Mayor Baker Friday arranged a meeting of the state agricultural commission and members of the chamber of commerce agricultural development committee at Columbus Monday, when a plea will be made for more cattle inspectors in the Cleveland district.

"The hoof and mouth disease, which is threatening the city's meat and milk supply, is as much a farmer's as a city man's problem," said the mayor. "Cleveland people ought not to be forced to pay the salaries of all the inspectors."

A state appropriation of \$8000 for inspection will be asked.

## SULZMANN TO TELL SECRETS OF PARTY IN MAYORALTY ROW

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Democrats are awaiting with eagerness a long manifesto which John M. Sulzmann, who has been circulating petitions as a mayoralty candidate, is to put out Wednesday or Thursday of next week, according to his announcement last night, explaining his withdrawal from the contest.

This document, now in course of revision, has within it possibilities of being an 18-karat political sensation, for in it Sulzmann will relate his part in recent Democratic political history.

Whether he will take the lid from the motives back of his own candidacy and divulge all the sources of support which he has had promised to him, is a thing several Democrats would give much to know just now.

"I shall not tell any real names," Sulzmann said last night, when he was interrogated as to what lengths he intended to go in the document.

Pressure has been brought to bear on Sulzmann to have him remain in the race, since the disclosure of the conference he held with Peter Witt and Peter Henry a week ago, at which Sulzmann arranged to withdraw.

Delegations of Democrats who are not content with Witt as their candidate have been besieging Sulzmann, and callers have been fairly standing in line in his cigar factory at E. 68th st. and Superior ave. urging him to stay in the fight.

Reports of the maneuvers of Sulzmann's friends have been brought to Witt's lieutenants and some disquietude has been caused for fear Sulzmann would shift his position since the conference with Witt and Henry.

This apprehension was skilled to a considerable extent yesterday morning, when Sulzmann and Henry held a private talk downtown. During this conversation Sulzmann made it plain

that he had not receded from his stand as announced to Witt and Henry. Sulzmann and Henry also discussed the leakage of the conference of a week ago.

"I have not yielded to the pressure brought on me to continue as a candidate, as yet," Sulzmann said last night.

William E. Minshall, 1409 Williamson building, yesterday announced his candidacy to succeed himself as mayor of East Cleveland.

Minshall, who defeated J. R. McQuigg in 1913, will make one of his issues this time the completion of local improvements to prepare East Cleveland for annexation to Cleveland.

Councilman David Moylan, of the Seventh ward, yesterday took out petitions as a candidate for municipal judge.

Petitions for Morris H. Gelfand as a candidate for council in the Eleventh ward, were put in circulation yesterday. Gelfand is a Democrat.

In the Sixth ward the feud that stirred the Democrats greatly last fall and the year before seems likely to break out again. The faction led by Charles Selzer is urging Fred Mathews, former county commissioner, to run for council. Whether the faction that follows Dan B. Pfahl will fall in line is not known yet and the row may break out there.

Some Republicans in the Twenty-fifth ward are booming Charles Schwitzer as a council candidate.

Peter Witt yesterday issued what he termed "Statement No. 2" in his mayoralty campaign. In it he declared for a consolidation of the two telephone companies or enforced interchange of telephone service between the two.

## TAX BOARD PASSES UP HOME RULE ACT

Fackler's Proposed Amendment  
to Be Considered at City Club  
Next Wednesday.

Tax Commissioner Fackler's proposed amendment to the state constitution permitting home rule in taxation and allowing Ohio cities to tax land values alone, if they care to do so, was submitted to the citizens' taxation commission, named by Mayor Baker yesterday.

The proposed amendment, which failed of endorsement at the recent conference of the Ohio League of Municipalities at Columbus, was not acted upon. Together with a proposed constitutional amendment being prepared by Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, Fackler's proposal will be considered at a meeting in the City Club rooms Wednesday night.

Fackler argued if the amendment were adopted cities could adopt single tax gradually. Cities would experiment with having the municipal levy made on land values only and could extend the system to cover school and state levies if it proved successful, he said.

All proposals now under consideration by the commission are but tentative, according to Chairman Bascom Little.



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## MAY NOT ATTEND REPUBLICAN MEET

Davis and Norton Inclined to Avoid Session Called to Indorse Candidate.

Ed S. Wertz, Incoming U. S. Attorney, Contemplates No Office Changes.

Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, rival candidates for Republican nomination for mayor, may not attend Tuesday night's meeting of the League of Republican Clubs.

The call had not been sent out last night, but it was stated yesterday the main purpose of the meeting is to ratify the action of the committee in indorsing Mr. Davis for mayor. The gathering will be held in the rooms of the Cleveland Law school, top floor, Engineers building.

"It will make no difference to my candidacy whatever the meeting does," Mr. Norton said yesterday. As president of the Union league, Mr. Norton is one of the delegates appointed to attend the meeting, but he stated yesterday he does not think he will avail himself of the privilege.

Ed S. Wertz of Wooster, O., incoming United States attorney for the northern Ohio district, who takes office Monday in succession to U. G. Denman, was in Cleveland yesterday looking over the offices in the federal building and getting a line on the work.

Mr. Wertz says he has made no plans regarding his assistants and he made a request that assistants in the office stay for a time at least.

Mr. Denman will practice law in Toledo. He expects to pay frequent visits to Cleveland, where he will have a number of clients.

Attorney M. H. Gelfand, 2378 E. 38th-st., with offices at 305-7 Park building, has accepted an invitation presented by a delegation of eleventh ward Democrats to run for city council in the fall. Mr. Gelfand, who has lived in Cleveland for the last twenty-three years, has taken out petitions.

A winter book of betting on the municipal campaign of next fall, opened at T. W. Raleigh's cigar store, 1448 E. 9th-st., shows Peter Witt to be a strong candidate for mayor. Listed odds show these wagers on offer:

Even money Peter Witt will defeat anyone the opposition names against him.  
8 to 5 Harry L. Davis does not win.  
5 to 1 Miner G. Norton does not win.  
2½ to 1 Judge Walter D. Meals does not win.  
2½ to 1 John A. Cline does not win.  
6 to 1 Charles P. Salen does not win.

Takers of the Meals, Cline or Salen offers must accept the added hazard that their candidate may not enter the race.

## URGE STATE HELP TO PROTECT MILK

Cleveland Business Men to Seek Funds to Battle Stock Disease.

Want More Veterinarians Sent to Counties Under Quarantine.

Cleveland business men, working through the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday completed plans to send a delegation to Columbus for a hearing Monday night before a committee of the assembly, at which state action will be urged to prevent danger of Cleveland's milk supply being curtailed by further spread of the hoof and mouth epidemic outside Lorain, Ashland and Medina counties.

The delegation will ask an emergency appropriation by the legislature to enable the Ohio agricultural commission to put several more veterinarians in the three counties under strict quarantine to fight spread of the epidemic.

The chamber will be represented at the hearing by Elbert H. Baker, chairman of the chamber's agricultural commission, and John Sherwin, president of the First National bank. L. B. Dunham, assistant secretary of the chamber, will accompany the delegation. Dr. C. W. Eddy, chief municipal dairy and food inspector, will represent the city.

Dr. Eddy stated yesterday that unless the state makes the emergency appropriation asked, the situation may become grave. It is impossible for the city, with its present force of inspectors, to send enough men to Lorain, Medina and Ashland counties to guard the city's interests. If the necessary number of men are detailed to duty there, it will leave other dairy districts from which the city draws a large part of its milk supply, unguarded, according to Dr. Eddy.

Dr. Harris R. Cooley, director of public welfare, and Mayor Newton D. Baker were agreed yesterday it is a function of the state, rather than of the city, to combat spread of the disease.

"The state is piling up big financial surpluses and boasting of its economy," said Mayor Baker, "and at the same time Cleveland is being criticized for what are termed its extravagant expenditures. It is unfair to expect the city to assume the state's responsibility in stamping out the epidemic."

Under the direction of Dr. Eddy, every possible precaution is being taken, it became known yesterday, to prevent milk under suspicion from the quarantined counties from being sold in Cleveland.

## ALUMNI INDORSE NORTON

Mount Union Graduates at Reunion Boost Cleveland for Mayor.

Miner G. Norton was indorsed for mayor last night at the twenty-third annual reunion of the Mount Union Alumni association of Cleveland in Hotel Euclid. More than 200 men and women attended the reunion.

Cheers greeted the announcement Robert Dawson has been retained as football coach under a five-year contract. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Norton, Attorney W. W. Hole, M. B. Excell, Rev. Dr. Foster C. Anderson, pastor of the Parkwood Methodist church, and College President W. H. McMasters.

These officers were elected: President, E. B. Thomas; first vice president, Mr. Hole; second vice president, Mr. Norton, and secretary-treasurer, Miss Olive Breshier.

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## CITY RIVER AND HARBOR DIVISION SOUGHT BY GAHN

Councilman Drafting Ordinance Providing for an Advisory Board of Citizens to Supersede Present Commission.

A city river and harbor division in charge of a commissioner, with an advisory board of citizens, is provided in an ordinance being drawn by Councilman Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission.

The commissioner will rank with the city engineer and the advisory board will supersede the present river and harbor commission. The division will be in charge of city docks and will work out the development of the lake front, in connection with the advisory board, under Gahn's plans.

Administration councilmen are not expected to oppose the legislation as they have been hostile to the present commission. Activities of the commission, which resulted in a recent permit for filling into the lake at E. 55th st. being held up by the United States board of army engineers, were criticized by Mayor Baker.

"The commission will likely complete its report on the development of the lake front even if it is abolished by the mayor or succeeded by an advisory board," said Gahn, yesterday. "We have made a five-year study of the problem and think that the public is entitled to the information gathered."

Gahn said that the commission would at once proceed to investigate the advisability of allowing the E. 55th st. fill. It will make its report to United States Engineer Bond, in charge of the Cleveland district.

## RAISE DETECTIVES' PENSION-BENESCH

Director Would Permit Retirement With Rank as Lieutenant Instead of Patrolman.

Director Benesch will recommend the retention of the present general system of organization of the detective bureau, with changes permitting higher pensions for retired detectives than they now receive, when he obtains recommendations for a reorganization this week.

At present, when a patrolman is assigned to detective duty, he receives the pay of a lieutenant. But when they retire the detectives receive the pensions of patrolmen, their official rank in the police department. Benesch said yesterday he favored changes in the police rules whereby a man just appointed to the bureau would receive patrolman's pay until he proved his worth, when he would receive the rank and pay of a sergeant and later on the rank and pay of a lieutenant. At any time, Benesch said, a member of the detective bureau should be subject to reduction in rank at the pleasure of the chief of police, but he favored a rule that when a man had served twelve years in the detective bureau he should receive the pension of a lieutenant on his retirement.

Mayor Baker has announced he wants permanency of position assured to the efficient members of the detective force.

At his request, several of the older detectives are working out plans for the reorganization of the bureau for submission to Benesch.



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## LAY CORNERSTONE FOR GERMAN CLUB

One Thousand Give Cheer as  
Formal Start is Made on  
New Structure.

Mayor Baker Among Speak-  
ers Dedication Site on  
W. 25th-st.

The cornerstone laying for the new home of the German club, anticipated for some time by the members and friends of the organization, took place yesterday afternoon to cheers of over 1,000.

The new club house is being erected on W. 25th-st., near Clark-av S. W., at a cost of \$60,000. It is expected to be completed in May.

Ceremonies began at 3. Henry Wieber, president, delivered the address of welcome. He introduced C. Reutener, master of ceremonies, who in a short address stated the occasion was one of his proudest moments. He said all members long had cherished the hope of having a modern structure for the club.

The festival speaker of the day, E. Karpowski, made an eloquent address. In closing he said:

"This is to be your temple, the temple of brotherhood and friendship. Here is to stand the new home of the German club. I want to say that our German organizations are an asset of inestimable value to this country. Our Germans have brought with them to America those fundamental ideals which have made Germany a leading power, and by living up to those ideals here they confer a substantial benefit upon the United States; they are better Americans for it."

Mayor Newton D. Baker said the new structure would be a matter of pride to the city at large.

Following the mayor's speech the formal laying of the cornerstone took place. Officiating in the ceremony were Henry Wieber, president; August Hieber, chairman of the building committee, and C. Reutener, Charles I. Ortl and L. E. Meyer.

Among relics placed in the receptacle in the cornerstone was yesterday's cosmopolitan section of the Plain Dealer.

The musical program included the German classic "Dies Ist Der Tag Des Herrn" (This is the Day of the Lord) by a French horn quartet consisting of Fritz Fischer, C. Hraby, Freudeman and Max Fischer.

The male chorus of the club sang "Brüder, Reicht Die Hand Zum Grunde," under the direction of Prof. Singuf. German selections were sung by a mixed chorus.

The building committee in charge of the new structure is: August Hieber, chairman; Charles F. Ortl, Henry Yeck, Frank Wilhelmy and George Hirschert.

The new quarters will be well equipped and will include a gymnasium, bowling alleys, showers, lounge rooms card rooms and a ball room.

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## REPUBLICANS SEE LANDER GET POST

Factions Here Said to Favor  
Probable Willis Choice  
for Roads Job.

Wertz, U. S. District Attor-  
ney-Elect, Names As-  
sistant.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Appointment of Frank R. Lander, former county surveyor, as state highway commissioner is considered a probability among Republicans here. If Mr. Lander gets the post, it will be one step in the plan of Gov. Frank B. Willis to unify the elements of the Republican party in Cuyahoga county.

Leaders of all the Republican factions are agreed in favoring the candidacy of Mr. Lander. Maurice Maschke is for him, and so is James B. Ruhl, while it is stated reliably the Dan R. Hanna interests would indicate their approval if they thought it necessary for Mr. Lander's success.

Gov. Willis will not recognize any one of the party factions here to the exclusion of the others, but is willing to give recognition to the party as a whole if the party will get together.

It is understood the governor feels that if he appointed Mr. Lander, regarding whom there is a unanimity of opinion among the party leaders, he would be accomplishing something toward harmony.

Mr. Lander has been known as a Republican with a following of his own, independent and so directly responsible to no particular party leadership. That is another reason the governor is reported to feel that his appointment would be a move toward breaking down factional barriers.

U. G. Denman, Republican, United States district attorney here, steps out of office today, and Ed S. Wertz of Wooster, Democrat, takes his place.

Mr. Wertz yesterday announced definitely that Joseph O. Breitenstein of Canton, former secretary to Congressman Timothy Ansberry and at present clerk of the civil service committee of the United States senate, will be appointed second assistant when the time for appointments arrives. For the present Mr. Denman's assistants will be retained.

Regarding the naming of a first assistant, Mr. Wertz said yesterday he would confer with Democratic leaders here before reaching a decision. The new district attorney is to be sworn in by Federal Judge John H. Clarke this afternoon.

In connection with the introduction of a bill providing two additional judges for the municipal court in Cleveland, a boom has been started in the Cuyahoga county legislative

delegation for State Senator E. J. Hopple and State Representatives Virgil Terrell and William Hasselman for judge next fall.

The three are said to be practically decided on seeking places on the municipal bench.

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## MARCH COMING IN AS POLITICAL LION; FORECAST: STORMS

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Fast shifts in the mayoralty kaleidoscope, that has kept politicians dizzy trying to anticipate the next combination of preliminary campaigning, are expected this week.

On the card for the week are: A graceful withdrawal by John Sulzman from the Democratic field, an indorsement of Harry L. Davis by the League of Republican Clubs after considerable hurling of monkey-wrenches by other candidates, the return of Senator Burton from Washington, and the possible popping into the field of a few more mayoralty booms.

Mayoralty booms and boomlets are springing up rapidly, distancing the early-blooming crocuses in the race to the spring air.

With the rival camps of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton working hard for indorsements, and launching submarine and subrosa torpedoes for each other, the names of still other men are being mentioned in the talk as possible candidates.

As near as could be compiled last night, the following is a list of the men whose names are being discussed by the Republican followers of politics: William H. Boyd, John A. Cline, Harry L. Davis, William L. David, Paul Howland, Walter D. Meals, Miner G. Norton, F. F. Prentiss.

Of these, Davis and Norton, of course, are announced candidates. Boyd's friends are insistent that he be asked to get into the race. His absence from the city for the next six weeks is a factor in the situation.

Reports and rumors that John A. Cline would become a candidate this week or this month have been current around the city for many days, but it is stated Cline would not enter, in case he determined to do so, before late in the spring. Lieutenants, who

have been circulating petitions are showing much activity, however.

During the last week Howland has been mentioned in several quarters as a likely man, but he has shown no inclination to be diverted from his law practice. The talk concerning Prentiss has not been general, but it came into being soon after he was selected by the Civic League to make the principal speech at its annual dinner a week ago.

Although Judge Walter D. Meals has so far given no encouragement to the followers who have been urging his candidacy for months, his name is nevertheless usually present when the politicians are sizing up the outlook.

First of the political events of this week is the special meeting of the League of Republican Clubs, called for the purpose of having Davis indorsed as a candidate for mayor.

Davis' lieutenants confidently predict that they will have at least two-thirds of the delegates at the meeting and will be able to down any opposition. Plans have been made, it is said, not a thousand miles from the fifth floor of the Society for Savings building, where Miner G. Norton has offices, to unloose several brands of sky rockets and Roman candles of the oratorical kind before permitting the indorsement. Conferences of politicians who favor a compromise candidate, name unspecified, have been held, too, it is said, with similar purposes, the idea advanced in these being to shoot up both the Davis men and the Norton trenches.

Sulzman's withdrawal is expected to be the other large political happening of the next seven days, although its effect has been discounted to some extent by the revelation of his conference with Peter Witt and Peter Henry. Whether Sulzman's exit will be followed by the entry of Charles P. Salen is puzzling some.

## TENEMENT CODE UP TONIGHT FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Final action on the long pending tenement house code will be taken at Monday night's meeting of the city council, if a suspension of the rules can be obtained in order to place the measure on its third reading.

The proposed code has been amended to meet objections of Councilman McGinty. He said Sunday that he would support the ordinance in its amended form. The code regulates tenement construction, fixes minimum size of lots, requires adequate room ventilation and provides for the licensing and inspection of tenement buildings.

Religion and civil service will also be discussed by councilmen. The park committee will place it squarely up to the council to decide whether the city is to ask for an explanation from Evangelist Billy Sunday regarding the published report that he had charged municipal dance halls

here were so rotten that they had to be closed by the sheriff.

Councilman Kallina's resolution directing the city clerk to ascertain whether Rev. Sunday made the statement attributed to him was referred to the committee on parks. Chairman Koch holds that this is a matter for the council to act upon and said that the committee would report out the resolution.

An investigation of civil service provisions of the city charter was asked by Councilman Horrigan, who accused the civil service commission of delegating its examining powers to a citizens' committee. The judiciary committee is expected to approve the naming of a special committee to make the probe.

The street railway committee Mon-

day afternoon will arrange a time for inspecting street car tracks which the Cleveland Railway Company plans to renew this year. The health and sanitation committee will also begin an investigation of charges of laxity in inspection of milk.



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## HOSPITAL HEAD ASKS OUSTING OF VINING AS BOSS

Superintendent Wright's Annual Report Calls Present Management Inefficient.

City Hall officials foresaw a break Monday between Charities Commissioner Vining and City Hospital Superintendent Wright, as an inevitable result of the latter's annual report just made public, in which he indirectly recommended that Vining be sheared of his control over the institution. The present form of "management Wright branded as "not consistent with efficient hospital management."

In his report Wright pointed out that Vining and Welfare Director Cooley, by virtue of the new charter, are endowed with complete supervision of the hospital while he, on the ground constantly, has not even the authority to address a formal communication to the civil service commission. He said that he must assume immediate responsibility for the acts of subordinates despite the fact he has no power to appoint or dismiss them.

"In the modern hospital the superintendent is given fixed rights and responsibilities, including direct responsibility to some one constituted authority and full authority to appoint or remove all employees," Wright said in his report. "He and his assistants have absolute control over all admissions to the hospital and the final discharges. As manager of a business concern he is given authority consistent with the importance of his position. In view of the peculiar functions of the City hospital is there any reason why the superintendent should not have full authority, with direct responsibility to the director of the department?"

City hall officials said Monday the only possible interpretation of this statement was that Wright desired to be responsible only to Cooley, thereby eliminating Vining. That this may come about soon was given added credence by the fact Mayor Baker went over the report before it was made public and did not request Wright to blue-pencil the statement.

## WOULD PUT SICK ON CITY'S FARM

Establishment of a ward for convalescent patients at Warrensville farms is urged by Howell Wright, City hospital superintendent, in his annual report, issued Monday.

Wright says it now costs \$1.41 a day to maintain convalescent patients at City hospital, while this cost could be reduced to 50 cents a day on the farms.

Wright also asks that he be given complete charge of the hospital, with authority to appoint or dismiss attaches, including physicians. He now is denied this authority.

The superintendent recommends that a bond issue of \$1,000,000 be submitted to the people this fall so that work of enlarging the hospital may proceed.

Wright also asks for another ambulance.

"The hospital recently was criticised for being slow in 'aiding a dying woman,'" he says. "The patient was in the hospital 10 minutes after the call was registered, but had the ambulance not been in the barns at the time, we would not have been able to give aid for an hour or more."

## VOTE TO WIPE OUT CITY HARBOR BODY

Councilmen in Hot Debate and McGinty Flays 'Do-Nothing Board.'

Resolution Gives Power to Put Tracks on Millionaires' Row.

City council last night voted to wipe out the city river and harbor commission following a heated debate during which Councilman J. J. McGinty, chairman of the council committee on harbors and wharves, characterized the citizens' body organized under the Baehr administration as a do-nothing commission that transacted its business over the telephone.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the commission since its organization defended the citizens' body and declared the repeal of the resolution would not have the effect of abolishing the commission. He announced the commission would continue its work on the lake front development report.

"It looks to me as though this movements emanates from the mayor," said Councilman Gahn after the meeting. He told me a few days ago the commission ought to resign and said he was sorry we had wired to Washington to ask that the O. C. Barber lake front fill permit be held up.

"Records will show the commission has done a great deal since its organization in 1911. I am speaking in defense of a body of highly respected citizens. I want to protect them from slander in council.

"If this is intended as a slap at me, say so. If this body of citizens has done nothing more it has prevented the establishment of a harbor line from E. 9th-st to Gordon park. Private property owners have been clamoring for the establishment of such a line so they could fill out. The city seems to favor having these fills made in some instances."

Chairman Reynolds of the lake front development committee declared the river and harbor commission was not a legally constituted body under the charter and that a member of council had no authority to serve on an executive board.

The power of the city under home rule to force through the extension of the Euclid-av car line along Millionaires' row without property owners' consents is to be given an immediate test. By unanimous vote council passed an ordinance granting the Cleveland Railway Co. the right to extend its tracks from E. 22d-st to E. 40th-st. The railroad company is still 800 feet short of the majority foot frontage consents.

The council received an ordinance authorizing the extension of a new cross-town line in E. 123d-st. A remonstrance against a car line in this street was filed with council by property owners. Councilman A. J. Damm is planning to fight the ordinance.

A resolution by Councilman McGinty calling for the appointment of a special committee of three to study the model tenement and housing problem was adopted. Councilman McGinty pointed out that the passage of the tenement code will make many changes in the old tenement districts. The tenement code was placed on second reading last night and final action probably will be taken at the coming meeting.

An ordinance authorizing the immediate expenditure of funds for the elimination of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate railroad was passed. The city has had \$712,000 in its possession for this work since 1910.

A special committee of three was named to investigate methods used by the civil service commission in conducting examinations. The committee consists of Members Horrigan, Dittrick and Moylan.

The Reynolds resolution authorizing the commissioner of engineering to make a survey of the transportation situation in Cleveland was adopted by unanimous vote. The

## ASK FOR DATA ON ORCHESTRA'S CASH

Councilmen Seek Financial Statement as Timmner Quiz is Planned.

Allegations Leveled at Director to be Heard Thursday.

As Mayor Newton D. Baker and Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black were arranging yesterday a public inquiry into allegations against Director Christiaan Timmner of the municipal orchestra that he has used his official position to gain violin pupils, council passed the Townes resolution calling on the public welfare department to furnish data on the finances of the orchestra.

The resolution, introduced some time ago by Councilman Clayton Townes and referred to the committee on parks, was reported out favorably last night and passed. A clause was inserted, directing Dr. H. R. Cooley, head of the welfare department, to report on the allegations against Timmner, as well as on the financial condition of the orchestra.

The public inquiry will be held Thursday morning at 10 in the council chamber. All musicians who have complaints to make about the orchestra director are expected to voice them at the time. Director Timmner will be present.

Discussing allegations against Mr. Timmner yesterday, Mr. Black declared only one complaint had been made to him. It was made, he said, by Louis Kintz, former member of the orchestra. Kintz was discharged by Director Timmner Dec. 28, according to Mr. Black, after playing with the orchestra about half the past season.

"Mr. Timmner told me Kintz was unwilling to practice as much as was necessary," said Mr. Black. "I am very certain the director was unwilling to dispense with any violinist. He felt he should have as many as he could get."

"I was told by Kintz, Timmner had said the violinist should take some lessons in playing. Kintz took several lessons from Director Timmner while he was a member of the orchestra, but did not take any in December, the month when his connection with the orchestra was severed."

Additional charges were voiced against Director Timmner yesterday by four musicians. LaVerne Williams, 9425 Pratt-av S. E., declared he had been offered an orchestra position provided he would take cello lessons from Mrs. Timmner. Simeon L. S. Friedkowsky, 2335 E. 59th-st, charged he was admitted as a member of the orchestra only after he took violin lessons from Director Timmner. George Hruby, 10722 Lee-av N. E., and Harry Narovec, 12418 Ingomar-av N. E., declared it was rumored frequently among orchestra members lessons taken from Director Timmner assured one of an orchestra connection.

Mr. Black said he had traced many rumors that lessons from Director Timmner meant a job in the orchestra. At one time, Mr. Black said, it was rumored all the second violin players were pupils of the director.

"I found this was without foundation," said Mr. Black.

The survey will include the motor bus situation. Jitney busses will be discussed at a meeting of a special council committee this afternoon.

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## COOLEY IS TOLD TO INVESTIGATE CITY ORCHESTRA

Council Instructs Welfare Director to Conduct Hearing on "Private Gain" Charges Against Timmner.

LATTER DEFIES CRITICS  
TO PROVE THEIR CLAIMS

Leader to Be Discharged Should They Be Sustained Is Announcement by Black.

Director of Welfare Cooley was instructed by the city council last night to investigate the municipal orchestra and report the facts concerning it to the council. Councilman Townes, author of the resolution which was adopted by the council, declared Cooley had told him the investigation would include complaints against Christian Timmner, conductor of the orchestra, to the general effect that Timmner used his office to obtain private music pupils for himself and his wife.

Musicians and others who have been making claims concerning Timmner's official conduct, will be asked to air their grievances at a public meeting to be held by Commissioner of Recreation Black at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in the city council chamber.

### "Proof Means Dismissal."

Black said yesterday if the complaints were verified Timmner would have to be discharged from the city service. Timmner asserted the complaints were unfounded.

"I intend to go into this matter thoroughly and will investigate every complaint," Black said yesterday. "So far as I have been able to learn Timmner has never used the city's time for personal gain. The investigation Thursday will be fair and impartial, and I believe results will follow."

"While I have often heard rumors that a feeling of unrest existed among municipal orchestra members, only one complaint has been made to me personally. This complaint was made by Louis Kintz, 2566 E. 83rd st., who was discharged by Timmner, December 28, 1914. If Timmner is guilty the city will have to discharge him, but every charge will first have to be substantiated."

### Timmner to Attend Hearing.

Timmner declared last night that he will attend the hearing and answer to every accusation that has been hurled at him.

"I invite everybody who has a complaint to make against me to attend the meeting and allow me to defend myself," he said. "I will assist Commissioner Black in every way possible in clearing up this controversy, for my conscience is absolutely clear."

Edward D. Haug, business agent of the musicians' union, will attend the meeting in behalf of his organization, which is investigating along its own lines.

## COUNCIL VOTES ABOLISHMENT OF RIVER BODY

Ordinance to Put Street Cars on "Millionaires' Row" Despite Property Owners Also Is Passed.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO  
PROBE CIVIL SERVICE HERE

Amendments to Proposed Tenement House Code Are Approved by Members.

### WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Adopted resolution wiping out the city river and harbor commission. Passed ordinance to allow street car line on Euclid avenue, without property owners' consent.

Authorized investigation of administration of civil service.

Approved amendments to tenement code and placed measure on second reading.

Named special committee to investigate feasibility of municipal tenements and city-owned allotment.

Referred ordinance granting franchise for street car line on E. 123d st.

Referred request of Cleveland Railway Company to scrap \$250,000 worth of old cars and charge reproduction valuation to maintenance account.

Referred ordinances allowing \$2,000,000 expenditure for waterworks purposes.

Referred ordinance prohibiting drilling of oil or gas wells within 250 feet of residence property.

Wiping out of the city river and harbor commission was authorized by the city council last night when by a strict party vote it repealed legislation passed in 1911, empowering the mayor to name a commission for expert advice on harbor improvements.

Councilman Gahn, secretary of the commission, charged that politics was back of the move and said the action of the council was a slap at prominent engineers and professional men who had given valuable service to the city without charge.

Gahn also intimated that Mayor Baker had prompted the repealing legislation because activities of the commission had caused the United States board of engineers to hold up a permit granting O. C. Barber and associates a right to fill into Lake Erie at E. 55th st. Baker, Gahn declared, is put out because the commission entered a protest without consulting him.

### Not "Sympathetic."

Councilman McGinty, who introduced the resolution for the discontinuance of the commission, branded it as a "do nothing" body. After the meeting he declared that the commission was not "sympathetic" with the mayor's ideas. Councilman Reynolds, active in his opposition to Gahn, stated that a councilman was without legal authority to serve on an advisory board.

Injunction suits are expected to follow the action of the council in

passing an ordinance authorizing the laying of a double line of car tracks in Euclid ave. between E. 22d st. and E. 40th st., which was another high spot in the council proceedings.

Consents of property owners living in this section, known as "Millionaires' Row," have not been obtained. Street Railway Commissioner Witt declared that these were unnecessary under charter provisions.

Councilmen Horrigan, Ditttrick and Moylan were named on a special committee to investigate the administration of civil service. Horrigan claims the civil service commission is illegally delegating its examining powers to citizen boards. This move was precipitated through the charge of Sports Supervisor McGinty that his papers in the examinations for commissioner of recreation were judged by examiners not regularly a part of the commission.

The feasibility of establishing municipal tenement houses, with legislation for a city-owned allotment at Union ave. and E. 116th st., are to be studied by a special committee consisting of Councilmen McGinty, Bernstein and Reynolds.

### Contests Ahead.

Contests are expected on resolutions authorizing the Cleveland Railway Company to scrap fifty cars of an obsolete type and granting it a franchise for an E. 123d st. car line. The reproduction value of the cars is \$250,000.

Replying to McGinty's charge that the river and harbor commission was a "do nothing" body, Gahn pointed out that it had prepared plans for the straightening of the upper Cuyahoga river, a \$1,000,000 project now being carried on by property owners.

James H. Cassidy, former Congressman; Edwin S. Griffiths, Walter P. Rice, August Mordecai and Gahn make up the commission. The body was named at the suggestion of the United States war department. It was empowered with the duty of reporting on all matters connected with establishment of harbor lines.

## CLINE SAYS HE'LL RUN FOR MAYOR AT SECRET MEET

Attorney John A. Cline said he was convinced last night at a secret meeting arranged by his friends, it is his duty to run for mayor.

"I shall undoubtedly announce my candidacy in the very near future," he said, "for you gentlemen have convinced me there is more than a sufficient demand to warrant my entrance into the field."

The "demand" which convinced Cline was many petitions circulated by his friends.

The utmost secrecy was maintained by those who called the meeting in a room in the Colonial hotel, and no inkling of the conference reached the outside until early this morning when it was disclosed more by accident than design.

The session did not end until nearly 1 o'clock. About twelve were present.

## CLAIM JOHNSON SHAFT BUNGLED

Charges were made Tuesday by James Broggini, of James Broggini Bros., sculptors, 6822 Woodland ave., that the Tom L. Johnson memorial base in Public Square "is a mistake of inexperience or cheap construction to save a few pennies," and that the use of a large number of small pieces of granite, instead of two or three large sections, will make it especially susceptible to cracking. It could have been built as cheaply and been far more solid of three or four large pieces, says Broggini.

Mayor Baker, chairman of the Johnson memorial commission, declared after he had heard the charge that "the monument is perfectly satisfactory."

"The commission accepted it Monday," Baker said. "We had \$17,000 to erect the monument with. Herman Matzen, the best sculptor in Cleveland, designed it and took the con-

tract for its erection. We'll rest on his judgment."

"I feel competent to judge of my work," Matzen said. "I have no regard whatever for opinion of these critics."



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## What Council Did Monday

Council at its meeting Monday night:

Abolished river and harbor commission.

Received proposal to scrap 50 old convertible Concon cars.

Referred ordinance to regulate drilling of gas and oil wells.

Received resolution authorizing expenditure of \$1,500,000 for waterworks purposes.

Passed resolution directing clerk to ask Billy Sunday to explain alleged statement knock-

ing many dance halls.

Ordered investigation of method of conducting civil service exams.

Asked report on many orchestras.

Referred proposal to investigate plans for building model tenements on city-owned land.

Put tenement code in shape for passage next Monday.

Passed ordinance paving way for elimination of West-side Nickel-plate grade crossings.

## "Baker Acts Like Child," Says Gahn

Councilman Harry Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission, charged Tuesday Mayor Baker is back of council's action in officially abolishing the commission Monday night.

"For two years Baker has acted like a child toward the commission," said Gahn.

The councilman pointed out that in 1912 Baker, in submitting reports of the commission to council, praised its work.

Gahn says that despite lack of official sanction, the commission will continue its river and harbor work.

The river and harbor commission was created in 1911 in the Baehr administration. James H. Cassidy, president, and Gahn are republicans.

Baker Tuesday said there is no place for the old commission in the present plan of city government.

## CLINE WON'T TELL IF HE SAID HE'D RUN

John A. Cline, republican, Tuesday branded as premature the report that he told friends in secret meeting Monday night he'd be a candidate for mayor.

Cline, however, didn't say the report was untrue.

Friends of Harry L. Davis Tuesday were predicting the league of republican clubs would indorse Davis at the league meeting Tuesday night.

## VOTE TO AID DAVIS AS LEAGUE DIVIDES

Friends Indorse Candidate After Chair Rules G. O. P. Clubs Are Adjourned.

Delegates Bolt Stormy Session and Two Sides Claim Victory.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis, standing on top of a desk, gesturing with his hat and thanking a howling crowd of supporters that surrounded him for indorsing him for mayor, was the climax of last night's tempestuous meeting of the League of Republican Clubs in the Engineers building.

Pro-Davis delegates remained behind and amid a wild din voted to indorse Mr. Davis after President John Braschwitz had declared the meeting adjourned and had left the room, followed by those of the delegates opposed to indorsing the candidate, who chanted as they went, "Go home, meeting's adjourned, go home!"

A roll call on a previous motion to adjourn, offered from among the anti-Davis forces, resulted in a vote of 77 to 47 against adjournment, the Davis following showing a majority in the count. Immediately after the motion was lost, however, the uproar that had preceded it began again.

In the midst of the hurrah, as delegates, all on their feet, tried to make themselves heard, President Braschwitz shouted out that if order was not restored he would adjourn the meeting.

Delegates in Uproar.

Presently his gavel descended the last time. He turned and picked up his overcoat. Delegates who had objected to an indorsement arose with a shout.

"Meeting's over! Adjourned!"

They started out of the hall,

whence President Braschwitz already had gone. Davis supporters cried to one another to remain. As part of the attendance pressed through the doors, the Davis backers placed Vice President D. A. Marsh in the chair. He put a motion to indorse Mr. Davis, and, following a roar of "Aye," pronounced it carried.

There were two sides to claim victory afterward. President Braschwitz said he had adjourned the meeting, and delegates opposed to an indorsement asserted the session ended when the president left the room. They said he put the question of adjournment to a viva voce vote, that he

declared it carried, and that there was no appeal. Further, they said the acting secretary, Dr. A. P. Hammond, departed with the president, and that the meeting went down in the minutes as duly adjourned by the president.

Davis delegates said the meeting did not end until after they had approved the motion put by Vice President Marsh. They charged the president had no right to adjourn the meeting after a roll call showed a majority vote against it, and that they continued legally in session after Mr. Braschwitz left.

There has seldom been so large an attendance at a league meeting. Every delegate was standing and excitement ruled shortly after the session opened.

Pierre A. White moved that Mr. Davis, who was seated among the delegates, be indorsed. A. C. Bender made the first speech of protest. Councilman Alex Bernstein urged the indorsement, and then someone called out "Move we adjourn."

President Braschwitz said he would have a roll call on the question of adjournment. There were other speeches and a further uproar. H. D. Williams, objecting to an indorsement, declared John A. Cline would be a candidate within the next few days. H. D. Lingenfelder, supporter of Miner G. Norton, announced directors of the league had met in the afternoon and voted unanimously to request the body not to give anyone an indorsement.

At times half a dozen delegates vied with each other in trying to gain the recognition of the chair. One flourished a book of Roberts' rules of order.

"Tonight you're going by the book of rules of John Braschwitz!" thundered the president, bringing down his gavel.

"I rise to a point of order, Mr. Chairman!" cried another delegate.

"You'll sit down to another point of order!" was the president's return, leaning over his stand and pointing his gavel at the one who had remonstrated.

Once, before the roll call on the adjournment motion, Mr. Davis made his way through the throngs to the front of the room, but in the shouting of his friends, to let him be heard and the shouting of others for a vote, he gave up trying to speak at that time.

After it was over, as Mr. Davis stood on the desk and thanked his backers for "standing by," he said he believed a good Republican always relished a fight.

"Before November, all of you, including you who have gone away, will be working as hard for Harry Davis as you did in 1913," he asserted, and cheering greeted the statement.

"Then you wanted a man to come forward and save the party—"

"You didn't do it," interrupted a voice.

"The man that said that possibly was one of the reasons!" cried the candidate, stretching his arm toward the one who had spoken.

"Our fight of two years ago drove Newton D. Baker out of it this year, and caused the Democrats to put up a man who will be beaten by from 15,000 to 20,000, and you all know it. I intend making a fight for every indorsement I can get."

W. B. Gongwer, clerk of the board of elections and Democratic leader, returned yesterday from a trip to Windermere, Fla.

John M. Sulzmann probably will see Mr. Gongwer today regarding his withdrawal the end of the week from the mayoralty race, leaving the Democratic field clear to Peter Witt. Mr. Sulzmann said last evening there were several things he wanted to discuss with Mr. Gongwer before publishing his statement of withdrawal.

## URGES BAKER STOP CIVIL SERVICE QUIZ

Fesler Says Charter Bars Council's Proposed Inquiry Into Examinations.

Mayor to Refer Investigation Resolution to City Law Department.

Declaring the resolution adopted by council Monday night calling for a councilmanic investigation of the methods used by the civil service commission in the conduct of examinations violates the purpose and spirit of the charter, Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic league, yesterday called upon Mayor Newton D. Baker to veto the measure and conduct the investigation himself under the provision of section 75 of the charter.

Secretary Fesler, in his letter to the mayor, claimed council's duties are limited to legislative matters.

If this contention is upheld by the city law department, the council, it was claimed last night, would be prevented from conducting most of the departmental investigations which have been in progress. One of these relates to the city milk inspection force.

Council Monday night, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution by Councilman W. J. Horrigan, urging the civil service probe. A special committee was named to conduct the investigation.

Chairman Horrigan announced late yesterday the first meeting of the committee would take place Friday afternoon. The investigation was suggested by a complaint from Sports Director M. J. McGinty regarding the method used in the recent examination of applicants for the position of commissioner of recreation. Director McGinty contended that the commission had no authority to delegate its authority to a citizens' commission and complained of the markings given him by this committee for personality and experience. The civil service commission, at a meeting yesterday, decided it would not revise the markings and that the grades as fixed by the citizens' committee would stand.

"I will take my case to the council committee," said Director McGinty after learning of the decision.

"We will have a meeting Friday if arrangements can be made," said Chairman Horrigan. "We want to find out by what authority the civil service commission delegates its authority to a committee of citizens."

The letter of Secretary Fesler to Mayor Baker said last evening that he would refer the resolution to the city law department before reaching any conclusion as to his course.

Mayor Baker was chairman of the charter commission and Mr. Fesler was secretary. One of the attorneys in the city law department denied last evening that section 29 of the city charter quoted by Mr. Fesler prevents council from interfering in administrative matters.

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# DAVIS INDORSED BY G. O. P. CLUB LEAGUE AS DELEGATES BOLT

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Harry L. Davis was indorsed as a mayoralty candidate at the end of a stormy session of delegates to the League of Republican Clubs last night, in which President John Braschwitz and a number of delegates bolted the room and declared the meeting adjourned before the indorsement. Davis' friends claimed the indorsement was regular; the seceders declared the meeting was a rump one, after Braschwitz left, and that no indorsement was made.

The meeting was marked by tumult during the two and one-half hours it lasted, in the room of the Cleveland Law school, in the Engineers' building.

"It was a burlesque and will make no difference in my campaign for mayor," declared Miner G. Norton, who met some of his lieutenants in his office after the meeting.

"Cline to Be Candidate."

"Of course, my own plans are unaffected by the league," said John A. Cline. "I have not decided when to announce my position."

H. D. Williams, who has been managing the preliminary campaign for Cline, declared at the meeting, in opposing an indorsement of Davis, that Cline's candidacy would be announced within a very few days.

A motion by Pierre A. White to indorse Davis started the trouble at the meeting. Alex Bernstein, Harry C. Gahn and Frank Blitz were among those who spoke for it. A. C. Bender and William Delaney spoke against it. Bender engaging in a wordy controversy with White as to White's consistency in urging an indorsement last night when Bender charged White said a fortnight ago Davis asked no one be indorsed.

Braschwitz, who spoke for half an hour in the uproar against any indorsement, prevented Davis from speaking in the first half of the meeting. Davis, in response to a call by his supporters, went to the front of the room and waited to be recognized.

Braschwitz Adjourns Meeting.

"I'll have my say out, I'm president," shouted Braschwitz.

Davis returned to the back of the room. After more debate Delaney moved an adjournment. A vote was taken. Davis men claimed it lost by 77 to 47.

"The meeting is adjourned," Braschwitz said.

He left the room followed by the secretary and a number of the delegates, the estimates varying.

"The motion to adjourn carried," declared Fred Nothnagel, one of the seceders. "Anything that happened

after that is the act of a rump meeting."

After the break Dyer Marsh was elected chairman and White put his motion again. It was carried by acclamation. Davis was then called on for a speech. He spoke of his campaign in 1913, and predicted he would win by 35,000.

## RECREATION TEST REPORT WILL STAND

Merit Board Refuses McGinty's  
Request for Remark of  
Papers in Examination  
for Commissioner's Job.

Sport Supervisor McGinty's request for a remarking of papers submitted by him in an examination for the position of commissioner of recreation was refused by the civil service commission yesterday.

The commission held that McGinty had been given proper experience credits by the citizens' committee, which conducted the test. The question of personality marking was not under consideration, the commission ruled.

While the commission was considering McGinty's application, Councilman Horrigan was arranging for a meeting of a special committee this week to investigate the workings of the civil service provisions of the charter. The appointment of the committee followed McGinty's charges that the commission was without power to delegate its examining powers to outside committees.

"I was not told that the commission was to meet upon my request for a remarking and had been promised a hearing before the citizens' committee," said McGinty. "I will lay complete facts before the council committee."

Baker was asked yesterday to veto the resolution ordering the civil service investigation by Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League.

Fesler said the charter provided that an investigation was outside of the province of the council. At the same time he asked that Baker appoint a person or persons to investigate the civil service and give the Civic Leaguers a chance to be heard.

## PUBLICITY PLAN OF REPUBLICANS APPROVED HERE

Leading Members of Party Declare National Educational Campaign Is Certain to Prove a Success.

Leading Republicans in this county yesterday were warm in their commendation of the formation of the Republican Publicity Association at Washington, to disseminate Republican views throughout the country in preparation for the 1916 campaign.

They declared that the project, involving as it does a nation-wide campaign of education of the shortcomings of the Democratic administration and the need of a Republican victory in the nation, was bound to be successful.

That the party publicity will be handled separately from any agitation for a particular candidate for the Republican nomination for President was a feature which the Republicans especially commended.

Samples of Comment.

"It is a splendid idea," declared former Congressman Paul Howland. "It should be of immense value to the party and the country."

"We have been handicapped in the state and the nation in the past few years by the lack of just such a work," said F. W. Treadway, former lieutenant governor of Ohio. "I am very glad that it has been started in such a broad way without reference to candidates."

"Beyond question the publicity campaign will be a potent factor in the 1916 campaign," said Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke.

"All good Republicans will assist the movement by all the means in their power," James B. Ruhl declared. "It should do much to unite the party for the coming campaign, in which we expect to win."

"Needed by Party."

"I sincerely hope that the publicity campaign will be as successful as even the men who are planning it would wish," Councilman William S. Fitzgerald said. "The party has needed such a force for years."

"The best wishes of all Republicans go toward the association," Judge Walter D. Meals said. "It is a large project and should do much good, especially in view of the industrial conditions."

## BENESCH VETOES REORGANIZATION FOR DETECTIVES

"There'll Be No Changes," Says  
Director After Mayor Asks  
Veterans to Work  
Out New System.

CALLS SUGGESTIONS  
MADE IMPRACTICABLE

Men Will Continue to Be Subject  
to Demotion at Will of  
Chief.

No change will be made in the organization of the city detective bureau, Safety Director Benesch said last night, practically ending the much-advertised plan of Mayor Baker to give permanency of service to a skilled detective. Members of the detective bureau will continue to be subject to reduction in rank at any time the chief of police desires.

Plans submitted yesterday by members of the bureau whereby members would be automatically promoted at fixed periods and could not be placed back in uniform after several years' detective experience, are impractical, Benesch says.

"In the absence of a better plan of reorganization the bureau will likely remain as it is now," said Benesch yesterday. Baker had asked older members of the bureau to work out some plan whereby permanency of service could be assured a detective doing efficient work.

## HEAD OF MOVIE CENSORS OBTAINS MAYOR'S HELP

Harry C. Vestal, chairman of the Ohio board of moving picture censors, yesterday conferred with Mayor Baker on the enforcement of strict censorship. The mayor had learned several pictures were exhibiting in Cleveland which had not been passed by the board.

He offered Mr. Vestal administrative support to require all films to go through the board's hands, with the consideration that police power be exerted to remove from theaters such films as had not been passed.

It is understood Mayor Baker contemplates a measure to be put up to council requiring the leader, "Passed by the Ohio Board of Censorship" on all films.



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## SQUARE DEAL FOR FRIENDS, SULZMANN'S WITHDRAWAL PRICE

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Recognition for his political lieutenants will be demanded today by John M. Sulzmann of the heads of the Democratic organization, as a condition of his withdrawal from the mayoralty campaign in favor of Peter Witt.

If Sulzmann receives sufficient assurance that his allies will be regarded favorably by the organization and by Witt in case Witt is elected, his announcement of withdrawal is expected tonight through Charles V. Gilbert, who handled Sulzmann's petitions.

Sulzmann, proclaiming that he believed he was far stronger as a candidate than Witt, served notice yesterday on Tim McDonough and Burr Gongwer, who control the party machinery, that he had decided to run. They argued with him in a two-hour conference at the board of elections rooms to stay out but failed to get definite results. At the end of the conference, however, Gongwer said he believed Sulzmann would finally decide to support Witt.

### Loyal to Friends.

Arrangements for a second meeting of the three men today were made before they adjourned. Sulzmann expects Witt to be asked to this meeting, his friends said. He himself indicated last night he expected to meet Witt today, anyway.

"No convincing arguments were made to me today," Sulzmann said last night. "I must have definite assurances of recognition for my friends before I will consider withdrawing. I will not be content unless the loyal men who have been active for me for two months are favorably regarded by the organization. I could not leave them in a position where their support of me would be permitted to stand between any of them and an appointment. I expect to make known my position tomorrow night. They must meet my propositions one by one."

### "You Can't Win."—Gongwer.

At the outset yesterday, Sulzmann told Gongwer that while last week he had decided to quit, he had now changed his mind and would run. He said he was satisfied the referendum to knock out the non-partisan elections and restore primaries would succeed, and that he was not afraid of his chances against Witt and the organization in the primary. Two-thirds of the Democrats would be for him, he declared. Sulzmann recalled the 1901 primary, when he won over the organization candidate in the old

Fifth district. He declared he would use a soap box if refused admittance to party meetings, and expected to win on second choice votes if there was no primary. Anyway, Sulzmann said, he had always been loyal to the organization wishes and had received nothing but hard knocks for his pains. A statement by him that something occurred yesterday to strengthen his position was regarded as "bluff."

Gongwer and McDonough told him he could not win and pleaded with him to stay out and not split the organization.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Gongwer issued a statement, which said in part:

"Both Mr. McDonough and I urged Sulzmann in the interest of Mr. Witt and in the interest of the Democratic party not to be a candidate.

"Mr. Sulzmann has, ever since the days of Tom Johnson, been a loyal

and active member of the Democratic organization. It is my belief that his interest in the success of the things for which the Democratic organization of Cleveland stands is far more to him than the realization of any personal ambitions he may have."

## RED LIGHT ZONE TO GO MARCH 31

### Notice Given by Police to Women of 27 Resorts--Consternation Reigns.

Cleveland's segregated district will be abolished March 31 by order of the city administration.

Women who operate the twenty-seven resorts on Hamilton ave., between E. 9th st. and E. 12th st., were called to police headquarters yesterday and ordered to close the places forever before March 31. The order affects about 200 women.

Mayor Baker, to whom is attributed the order, told the Federated Churches last summer he expected to wipe out the district before he left office January 1, 1916. It had been believed that a policy of general repression would be followed.

Yesterday's sudden action came a day after the Federation of Women's Clubs had started circulation of petitions asking the legislature to pass the Young bill, providing methods for abolishing disorderly houses throughout the state irrespective of the wishes of any city executive, and two days after the measure was introduced by Representative Stephen Young of this county.

### Causes Consternation.

Police Sergeant Fitchens notified the women who operate the houses yesterday morning to report at police headquarters between 2 and 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Captain Martinec received them and told them that Chief Rowe's order was to close within the month and not to reopen anywhere in Cleveland.

This order created consternation among the women. They had understood that the closing would be about October 1, when the new city hall is expected to be ready for occupancy. Docks at E. 9th st. are to be used late this summer and this, it is said, may have had something to do with the order.

One of the women asked that a record of the police character of her establishment be kept so she might open again if a district should be permitted. She was told that the district would not be restored.

### Gradual Suppression.

While the segregated district has been decreased gradually in size for the last ten years, repressive methods have been more strict during the past two years.

A year ago the houses on Hamilton ave., west of E. 9th st. were closed, although the women who operated two of them were permitted to reopen east of that street. Resorts in which trouble occurred were suppressed and not allowed to reopen.

A fortnight ago the segregated district was ordered closed at midnight Saturdays.

"I will not discuss it," Mayor Baker said, when he was questioned concerning Chief Rowe's order.

## POLICE WILL HELP REGULATE MOVIES

Mayor to Order Crusade Against Exhibitors Who Defy Censorship Law.

Operators Join in Fight on Hand-Power Projectors Here.

Police co-operation looking to the suppression of uncensored moving picture films was promised Harry C. Vestal, chairman of the Ohio board of moving picture censors, yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker.

A crusade against exhibitors showing such pictures, to start in a few days, was promised by the mayor, who said:

"Under the state law, no film may be shown that has not been passed by the state board of censors. The other night I saw a picture in a theater here, parts of which scandalized and shocked me. The obnoxious parts had been censored and cut out of the picture, but the proprietor exhibited them anyway. The police will co-operate with the board."

As Mayor Baker was conferring with Mr. Vestal, members of the Cleveland branch of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of America, in a meeting at Weber's, 242 Superior-av N. E., were appealing to city councilmen for assistance in their fight against a proposed ordinance providing all projecting machines must be driven by hand instead of by motors.

Members of the league claim that a city ordinance compelling hand-power would be impractical and also charge that more fires in theaters result from hand-turned projectors than from those run by motors.

More than seventy members of the league were present, together with twenty-five members of the Motion Picture Operators' union. The city councilmen were Alva R. Dittrick, William J. Horrigan, P. V. Kalina, Robert J. Koch, John F. Durkin, J. E. Smith, Joseph F. Sledz, William Rolf, William F. Thompson and William B. Woods.

Members of the league say they have worked for the past year to repeal section 15 of the Ohio state building code, enacted in 1911, compelling use of hand-power projectors. They assert that State Inspector of Factories and Workshops T. W. Kearns, at the convention of the Ohio league in Columbus, Feb. 8, supported them in their contention and they added he had told them eight out of every ten fires in motion picture theaters which he had investigated during the past year had occurred in booths where hand-power was employed.

## COUNCIL CAN PROBE MERIT BOARD—COLLINS

The city council can investigate any office for which it appropriates money, City Clerk Collins said yesterday in reply to claims of Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, that the council was without power to investigate the workings of civil service.

Fesler wants Mayor Baker to veto a resolution empowering a special committee of three to investigate the manner in which the commission conducts examinations. Baker has referred the matter to the city law department.

Councilman Horrigan asked for the investigation of civil service and is chairman of the special committee. If Baker signs the resolution the committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow.



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## SULZMANN TO STAY IN MAYORALTY RUN

Candidate, at Conference  
With Leaders, Declines  
to Quit Contest.

Witt Silent, but Party Men  
See Peril of Divided  
Strength.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

In a two-hour conference yesterday afternoon with W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough, Democratic organization leaders, John M. Sulzmann declared he was in the mayoralty race to stay.

Mr. Sulzmann met statements that he could not win with assertions that unexpected developments had caused him to decide not to withdraw.

Two things, it was considered, contributed to this determination, although Democratic chiefs last evening said they still did not believe Mr. Sulzmann meant to continue as a candidate. One factor apparently is the fact that petitions are in circulation to amend the charter and restore partisan elections and primaries. Mr. Sulzmann voiced the opinion yesterday that he could defeat the party organization in a primary fight.

Another motive indicated was that sufficient offers of financial assistance have been made the former councilman to assure the expenses of a campaign.

Indirect offers of support from the Charles P. Salen following of anti-administration Democrats had nothing to do with his decision, Mr. Sulzmann said. He explained that such offers had come to him, but that he did not know whether they were official or authorized.

One point Mr. Sulzmann evidently intends to insist upon if he withdraws, and he mentioned it to Mr. Gongwer and Mr. McDonough yesterday. He wants assurance that the activities in his behalf of the men who asked him to run shall not be marked down against them in the books of the Democratic organization.

Mr. Sulzmann said last evening he would see Mr. Gongwer and Mr. McDonough again today.

Organization leaders had expected Mr. Sulzmann would drop out as a contender and leave the track clear on the Democratic side for Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt.

Mr. Gongwer said after his conference with Mr. Sulzmann that he had urged him to withdraw, and believed he would eventually.

"Mr. Sulzmann informed me he had decided to be a candidate for mayor," said Mr. Gongwer.

"Both Mr. McDonough and I urged him, in the interests of Mr. Witt and in the interests of the Democratic party, not to be a candidate. We went over the situation with him in detail at considerable length. Mr. Sulzmann, while adhering strongly to his decision, finally agreed to give the matter further thought and to consult further with his friends.

"Mr. Sulzmann, ever since the days of Tom Johnson, has been a loyal and active member of the Democratic organization. It is my belief that his interest in the success of the things for which the Democratic organization of Cleveland stands is far more to him than the realization of any personal ambitions he may have. It is, therefore, my opinion that he will decide not to be a candidate and that he will be found as always with the organization in its support of Mr. Witt's candidacy for mayor."

Street Railway Commissioner Witt would make no comment on Mr. Sulzmann's attitude.

Democrats generally have predicted that the continued candidacy of Mr. Sulzmann would mean a serious complication for the organization in its support of Mr. Witt and would result in a division of the Democratic strength. . . .

That Gov. Frank B. Willis had it in mind to appoint James B. Ruhl to succeed Tax Commissioner John D. Fackler and had his plans interrupted by the activity of Peter Durr of Cincinnati the day the governor came to Cleveland to speak before the Traffic club, was a report that reached here yesterday.

Mr. Ruhl said last evening the governor had never talked to him regarding the possibility of offering him the tax commissionership.

Statements were that Gov. Willis determined to make such an offer to Mr. Ruhl following the lawyer's decision not to accept appointment as state superintendent of insurance. It was reported the governor was considering this idea the day he visited Cleveland.

However, that same day Mr. Durr, Republican leader of Hamilton county, went to Columbus, and Representative Beiler of Hancock county introduced a tax bill, prepared by Mr. Durr, according to word from Columbus, which was reported out of the taxation committee in ten minutes' time. The bill provides for the abolishment of present tax assessing machinery, and lays upon county auditors the task of arranging the duplicate this year.

With that bill under administration consideration there ended the possibility of having Mr. Ruhl succeed Mr. Fackler.

The Twenty-second Ward Republican club is to meet tomorrow evening. Mayoralty candidates will be discussed.

Peter Witt, Municipal Clerk Peter J. Henry and Police Prosecutor Frank S. Day were the speakers last night at a social session of the Eighth Ward Democratic club in Metzger's hall, 1895 W. 25th-st. Speeches were followed by singing and dancing. Refreshments were served.

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# ORCHESTRA HEAD FACES ACCUSERS IN TRIAL FOR JOB

Cleveland musicians who charge that Christiaan Timmner, municipal orchestra director, offered to barter places in the Symphony in return for private lessons under him, reiterated their statements Thursday at a hearing at the city hall.

Recreation Commissioner Black was prosecutor. Mayor Baker acted as counsel for defendant in cross-examination. Welfare Director Cooley and Timmner backed up Baker.

The main witnesses—Louis A. Kintz, 2566 E. 83d st.; LaVern Williams, 9425 Pratt ave.; Simeon L. S. Friedkowsky, 2335 E. 59th st., and Sydney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton ave., affirmed their charges as printed in The News that Timmner directly or adroitly made overtures to them.

One hundred and fifty musicians—most of them members of the musicians' union—attended. Mrs. Timmner, whom Williams charges Timmner wanted to act as his instructor in return for an important position in the orchestra, sat listening. Mrs. Morris A. Black, wife of the president of the Chamber of Commerce, also was present.

How Timmner dabbled a little in the drug business by sending him a hand lotion was told by Friedkowsky. He also related how Timmner pressed him to expend ten dollars for a set of three books which he already had in his library, despite the fact he so informed the director. Friedkowsky also explained how he did not become a member of the orchestra until some time after he had become Timmner's pupil.

"One day Timmner told me the strings on my violin were no good. He took them off and put on some he had in his house," said Friedkowsky. "I protested, saying my strings were all right, but he insisted I use his. I paid him for the strings.

**He Cured Chapped Hands, Too.**

"At one lesson I complained that my hands were chapped, and that I was hindered in my playing. Timmner said he could fix my hands. He went into another room and procured a bottle of whitish-looking fluid. He charged me fifty cents for it, but I couldn't use it; it was no good."

To back up his statement, Friedkowsky produced the bottle of hand lotion, half empty. When cross-questioned by Baker, Friedkowsky said that although Timmner himself did not sell him the ten-dollar set of books, he directed him to a store where they could be procured.

In laughing at Friedkowsky's explanation of how he had induced Timmner to cut his lesson rate from three dollars a half hour to two dollars, Baker referred to Timmner as a "cut-rate artist."

**Black Questions Kintz.**

Kintz, the first witness quizzed by Black, told how in August, 1913, he went to Timmner for a tryout, with the view of getting into the city's park orchestra. He said Timmner permitted him to attend one rehearsal.

Shortly before the second rehearsal he said he received a postal card from Timmner, asking him to call. He called and Timmner approached him on the charge of the five dollars for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra. In answer to Black, Kintz said he could not recollect whether Timmner said the city got the money, but he declared the director said distinctly, "I don't get it."

Timmner two days ago admitted to Black that he pocketed the five dollars.

Kintz then told how he attended every rehearsal prior to the first concert November 1 this year. He told of the mix-up in names in the Sunday paper, and how he called Timmner on the telephone and asked whether the misspelled name was meant for him, and further how Timmner told him to come down and play that Sunday. In detail he related how he began taking lessons from Timmner the following week, then how he was forced to quit because of the press of private business.

Black asked Kintz his exact reason for taking lessons from Timmner.

"I wanted to stay in the orchestra," Kintz replied.

"Did you take lessons for the sole

Timmner reiterated. Baker then asked Kintz if there wasn't a general feeling of dislike among musicians against the director.

"Orchestra members felt Timmner was inclined to be overbearing; they don't like his manner. He doesn't act as a gentleman should," Kintz said.

Narovec, who succeeded Kintz on the stand, affirmed that the statement that he gave to The News to the effect that musicians kidded one another about Timmner's giving lessons to orchestra members was correct. He could give no direct evidence to show that Timmner played both ends against the middle.

**Kintz's Story Unshaken.**

Neither Baker's nor Black's questions shook Kintz's story.

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Sampliner, the third witness, gave more damaging evidence. He unqualifiedly declared that Timmner, in the course of the tryout on the second or third Sunday last October, promised him a place as second violin provided he would take two months' instruction under Timmner, and would make him as a first violin if he would take a year.

Sampliner said another pupil was at the Timmner home at the time. He related how Timmner pointed to this other pupil and remarked "See him? He's taking from me; I'm going to put him in the orchestra; I can do that for you. I can hire any man I want to and can have one man less! This was taken to mean he could discharge any man at any time.

Sampliner also brought Black into the affair. He said he went to Black and complained. The latter told him to return the next day.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Sampliner, that I cannot do anything for you; Timmner says you're not studying," Black told me," said Sampliner. Black said he recalled no such conversation.

#### Needed Daily Lessons.

Baker questioned Sampliner as to three visits he made to Timmner's home. Sampliner said Timmner criticized his playing and told him he had good ability but needed study. He said Timmner told him his price and said it would be necessary for him to take a lesson every day for the first week; that it would be impossible for him to correct all the mistakes in a couple of lessons.

"He said to you that if you studied two months with him he would give you a second violin, and if you studied a year he would give you a first violin?" asked Mayor Baker.

"Yes, he did," Sampliner answered. "Why didn't you study, then?"

"I couldn't afford it," Baker asked Sampliner if it was not him instead of Black to whom he was talking on his visit to city hall following the advice of Sol Marcossion. Sampliner told him it was not, that it was Black. The witness said he believed Black favored Timmner in placing Timmner's pupils in the orchestra.

Sampliner told Baker that Timmner criticized him for bending his thumb. He told Timmner he was following Marcossion's instructions. Timmner told him, he said, that musicians who played in grillrooms or dance halls were no good.

#### Pleads Inadequate Language.

Baker tried to have Sampliner admit that the proposition which Timmner put up to him was due more to Timmner's inability to properly use the English language than making a cold-blooded money proposition. Sampliner said he thought it was a cold-blooded proposition.

The next musician called was Lavern Williams, cellist. Williams said that he was offered a cello position in the symphony orchestra if he took lessons from Mrs. Timmner.

"When I first went to Timmner's house I took my cello and played a couple of scales," said Williams. "He said I had good time and technique but in order to get the artistic finish he would advise me to study under Mrs. Timmner. He said her charges were three dollars for thirty minutes. I told him I could get as good instruction cheaper. As I was leaving he offered me two thirty-minute lessons for five dollars and assured me a good position in the orchestra."

Mayor Baker said that he believed most of the men who had testified were prompted by jealousy. He did not believe that Williams had any such motive.

"My motive is free of any jealousy or sore-headedness," Williams said.

"I know of a lot of musicians who can't get into the symphony orchestra because of the unfairness of Timmner. They can't play in the orchestra unless they take lessons from him. I know a lot of musicians better than those in the orchestra, but who cannot get in because they won't

## WOMEN PROTEST ORDER CLOSING CITY'S VICE ZONE

Fear 200 Underworld Habitués Will Find Homes in the "Flat Beneath."

Cleveland club women protest Mayor Baker's order to the police that they must close up the twenty-seven resorts remaining in the tenderloin by March 31. The order given out as coming from Chief Rowe affects about 200 women.

"It stands to reason that 200 women suddenly finding no roof over their heads will look for some place to go," said Mrs. J. A. Smith, 1206 E. 86th st., president of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs. "That place may be the flat down stairs, the house next door, or even the spare room you've been trying to rent."

"These women now are all in one district, where the police can keep an eye on them," Mrs. Smith said. "If they scatter throughout the residential districts police supervision will be practically impossible."

Only provision by the city for the care of the women before they shall be turned out can justify the closing of the district, according to Mrs. Smith's idea.

"Just what place to provide for them to go and where it shall be, is a problem that the city should solve," she said.

The women affected Thursday viewed Rowe's edict with varied emotions.

To a majority of the women it simply meant an exodus to another city, where they can camp until police there draw the strings as tight as they have been drawn in Cleveland. Others made up their minds months ago, when the word went out that the tenderloin was to be abolished, that they would accept the order as a chance to reform.

Still others are defiant and declared they will defy the police order.

Police a year ago closed all houses in Hamilton ave. west of E. 9th st.

## SULZMANN IS STILL IN RACE AGAINST WITT

John M. Sulzmann, Thursday, still was a candidate for mayor in opposition to Peter Witt.

Sulzmann was expected to withdraw from the race Wednesday, but after a two-hour conference with Burr Gongwer and Tim McDonough he didn't. Sulzmann will not withdraw, at least, until the organization promises to take care of the men who have worked for him in his preliminary campaign.

# TESTIMONY IS FAVORABLE TO TIMMNER

Players Deny Making Charge  
That Orchestra Leader  
Accepted Fees.

## BAKER CONDUCTS PROBE

Calls Case "Thinnest" He  
Ever Heard Of, After  
Hearing.

Charges that Christian Timmner, munny orchestra leader, has used his official position for private gain, Thursday threatened to crumble when three musicians, star complainants against Timmner, retracted statements attributed to them.

Testimony was taken at a hearing ordered by Welfare Director Cooley. Mayor Baker did most of the questioning.

Two other complainants stood by their accusations made originally to the effect that Timmner recruited private pupils for himself and his wife by the promise of positions in the orchestra.

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black conducted the hearing, held in council chamber.

Timmner and his wife were present. Business at city hall was practically suspended during the hearing, while heads of departments, councilmen and clerks packed the council chamber.

Lewis Kintz, 2566 E. 83d-st., munny orchestra violinist, who charged Timmner had made him pay \$5 a month for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra in 1913, was the first witness.

#### Didn't Oppose Fee.

Kintz, when grilled by Mayor Baker, said he did not object to paying the fee.

"Timmner said the money didn't go to him," Kintz testified. "He told me first to give it to the orchestra librarian. The librarian was busy, so I gave it to Timmner himself."

"Were there any others present?" Baker asked.

"Two or three other musicians were in the room."

"That didn't look like an attempt at secrecy, did it?" Baker asked.

"It did not," Kintz answered. Kintz had to ask Timmner three times for a receipt before it was finally given him, he said. Witnesses also saw him take the receipt from Timmner's hand, he testified.

"How did it come that you finally objected to paying the fee?" Baker asked.

"That was after I talked to some other musicians about it," Kintz said. "They told me I ought to see some city officials about it—that it was the city's orches-

tra, and the city's money—not Timmner's."

Kintz testified he was regularly appointed to the orchestra before he started taking lessons from Timmner, and that his discharge on Dec. 28, 1914, came two months after he had discontinued the lessons.

Harry Narovec, 12418 Ingomar-av, a member of the orchestra, testified he never took any lessons of Timmner, and was never asked to take any.

"Is it correct that you said, as a certain newspaper says you did, that 'It is no secret that many members get their positions in the munny orchestra solely because they are Mr. Timmner's pupils?'" Baker asked Narovec.

#### Denies Reported Charges.

"I never said that," Narovec testified.

"Timmner showed no partiality to his pupils, so far as I could see. He singled us all out when we made mistakes."

George Hruby, 10722 Lee-av, summoned by Black as a complainant, failed on the stand to back up his complaints.

"I have no grievance whatsoever against Timmner," he said.

Sidney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton-av, and La Vern Williams, 9425 Pratt-av, were bitter in their criticism of Timmner.

"Timmner promised me an assured place in the second violins if I would take lessons from him two months, and a place on the first violins if I would study under him for a year," Sampliner testified.

Williams said Timmner offered to give him an important position among the cellists if he would study under Mrs. Timmner.

"I see nothing at all damaging to Timmner's reputation in what this hearing has revealed," said Welfare Director Cooley, following the hearing.

Another hearing will be held Friday to give additional witnesses a chance to testify, Black announced.

"The difficulty seems to have been one of temperament, and a general misunderstanding on the part of disgruntled musicians," said Baker. "It's the thinnest case I ever heard."



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# CITY URGED TO CARE FOR WOMEN POLICE EVICT

"What becomes of women of the segregated district when the district is closed is no concern of the police."

This statement by Police Chief Rowe Thursday, following his announcement that every Cleveland resort must be closed by March 31, did not meet the approval of leaders in church and civic organizations.

"If Mayor Baker and the police compel these women to leave their district, it's up to the mayor and police to take care of them," said Mrs. J. K. Parker, secretary of the women's civic association.

Rev. Dan F. Bradley, president of the federated churches, also believes the duty of taking care of the inmates is on the city.

"The city should find homes for these women," said Rev. Bradley. "If some of the numerous organizations cannot meet the situation, special plans will have to be made by the churches."

Twenty-seven resort keepers and 200 inmates are affected by the order.

Police chiefs in most nearby cities said women from Cleveland's district would be arrested on their records and deported if they attempted to locate in these places.

Chief H. H. Hartenstein of Youngstown, however, said:

"These women may come here if they want to live right, and my department will help them. Anybody who wants to live right may live in Youngstown. But we'll make it hot for anyone who attempts to open a disorderly house."

*Friday*

# HERR TIMMNER RECITAL PROVES A HUMORESQUE

## City Hall Takes Holiday to Hear Charges Against Orchestra Leader.

# DISCORD AS LIE IS PASSED

## Crescendo Jocosus When Player Says He Was Sold Elixir of Genius.

The first "movement" of the hearing of charges that Herr Christiaan Timmner, of Holland, now director of the municipal symphony orchestra, exercised his official authority to promote his various "side lines" developed into a lively humoresque yesterday morning.

A large and appreciative audience, composed chiefly of musicians, newspaper persons and city officials and employees, for which latter the affair seemed to have been made occasion for a half holiday, crowded into the city council chamber and enjoyed the recital hugely.

The second "movement" of the disharmonic "concerto" will be given at 10 o'clock this morning with a few new musicians chiming in on the chorus of complaint against Herr Timmner. If it is half as entertaining and instructive as it was yesterday patrons of vaudeville, as well as those of music, who do not attend will miss something.

### And Then the Denouement.

The grand denouement and bravura "glass crash" came when Simon L. S. Friedkowsky, 2335 E. 59th st., who, with Timmner himself, furnished a large part of the comedy element, dramatically produced from his coat pocket a small bottle half filled with a colorless liquid which, he said, Herr Timmner had sold him to put on his hands before playing the violin.

Other musicians had reiterated their stories that Herr Timmner promised them important positions in the orchestra if they would study with him; one prominent cellist said Herr Timmner had advised him it was absolutely necessary for him to study cello with Mrs. Timmner to acquire the artistic finish his playing lacked.

Friedkowsky also testified that Timmner made him buy music books he already had from a concern Timmner recommended, and that the director removed from Friedkowsky's violin a set of new and perfectly good strings, replacing them with Timmner's especial brand—for all of which Friedkowsky paid. But it was the little bottle of mysterious elixir—Exhibit A—that brought down the house.

Friedkowsky, the possessor of a fine mop of blond hair, of quite as much temperament and spirit as Herr Timmner and a nimble wit that made up for his imperfect but graphic English, appeared to have gathered the impression that this elixir would make him another Ysaye, or a Kubelik.

"It only drew my hands all up so I couldn't play, so I put it away," he

*Leader*

said, lamentoso. Commissioner of Recreation M. T. Black, who was supposed to be conducting the "concerto," almost fell out of his chair when the excitable little musician produced the bottle.

### Baker Conducts With Pipe Cleaner.

Mayor Baker, who really "conducted," wielding a pipe cleaner in lieu of a baton; Dr. Harris R. Cooley, director of public welfare, playing an almost silent "obligato" at the hearing; Herr Timmner, who boomed into the talk now and then with a voice like a sarussophone (metal bassoon) or vented a great rumbling of laughter that sounded like an old-fashioned tuba, sat upright in amazement.

The little bottle might have contained nitroglycerin.

"Herr Timmner sold it to me," said Friedkowsky, very accusato.

"What is it?" inquired Baker, curioso.

"It looks like gin," said Timmner, jocosus.

"Open it—it smells nice," advised Friedkowsky, gracioso.

"Smells like machine oil to me," said the mayor. "What's it for?"

"For 50 cents—he sold it to me," responded the musician. "Is that right, Herr Timmner?"

"Sure, that is right," said Timmner, with accent.

This incident was one of several that injected an excess of what might be termed tonal coloring into the "concerto." Mayor Baker was largely responsible for the humorous trend of the hearing. He interpreted it much as Herr Timmner would the "Ballet Joke," by Lindpainter.

He was inclined to keep the whole affair in "kidding" tempo, laughing a great deal and generally indicating

by his manner that he considered it a misunderstanding of the true greatness of a colossal genius. Once or twice in cross-examination of the witnesses he assumed his best supreme court manner, but mostly he appeared concerned with preventing the artistic temperament of Herr Timmner and some of the witnesses from colliding.

Friedkowsky complained, allegro furioso, that Timmner had given him only two lessons for marking music for thirteen weeks, whereas he was promised two lessons a week. He said he had understood from Timmner that he was to receive \$13 a week for playing with the orchestra during this time, but that he never received a cent. The last straw, he said, was when Timmner advised him to divide the \$13 weekly salary he was not getting with a musician whose place he had taken.

"You treasured up the hope of getting that money?" asked Baker.

"Yes, and it was a sweet hope," retorted Friedkowsky.

Baker brought out the point that the young man had not played at regular concerts, but only at rehearsals. Friedkowsky declared Timmner had told him he could not play regularly because union spies were watching.

"There was never so much fire in your violin playing as in your speaking," exclaimed Herr Timmner when Friedkowsky had finished.

### Many at the Concert.

Mrs. Timmner, accompanied by Miss Louisa Lincoln, who formerly played in the symphony orchestra, listened attentively. So did "Peerless Jimmy" McGinty, the musical connoisseur and councilman from the Ninth ward.

And so did Postmaster Murphy, Milton Young, the mayor's secretary, City Clerk Collins, Dr. E. A. Peterson, school medical chief, William Winans, secretary to Dr. Cooley, Henry Pfizenmaier, president; and Edward Haug, secretary, of the Musicians' Union; John Hruby, father of many musicians; State Accountant Metcalf; Frank Patterson, secretary of the park department; Assistant City Purchasing Agent Workman; Councilman Townes, whose resolu-

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tion called for the investigation, and an ensemble of musicians, with a number of city hall janitors and scrub-women in the gallery.

### Bernthaler Recommended.

There were also present representatives of the Fortnightly Club, two of whom, Mrs. Morris Black and Mrs. George Sherwin, told Mayor Baker later that they had information they wished brought out at the hearing. Baker said there was no necessity of this, as the information they possessed was furnished by witnesses who had testified, or who would testify today.

It has been reported in the past that this organization would like to see Karl Bernthaler, formerly of Cleveland, but now of Pittsburgh, in charge of the symphony orchestra

here. Following the hearing, Mrs. C. W. Merrell, 2036 E. 100th st., suggested to Commissioner Black that she believed Bernthaler was the logical man for the place. Timmner, she said, has failed to please either musicians or the laity here. Black declined to comment on her recommendation.

It might be said that the concerto opened in andante, with Lewis A. Kintz, the first witness, 2566 E. 83d st., who repeated his charge that he had paid Timmner \$5 for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra. Timmner has admitted he kept this money.

Kintz declared that Timmner does not act as a gentleman should to the men under him. The mayor rejoined that that was a matter of opinion, nobody having written out a code of manners for a gentleman who might lose his temper occasionally.

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Allegro vivacissimo marked the beginning of the story told by La Vern Williams, 9425 Pratt ave., and it became exceedingly crescendo pomposo when Herr Timmner gave him the lie after Williams had declared Timmner had advised him to take lessons of Mrs. Timmner because she had received her musical education abroad and could give him the artistic finish his playing needed.

"All what he says is a lie," interrupted Timmner.

"That is not so, Herr Timmner," shot back Williams; "I am not in the habit of being a liar."

George Hruby, who played in the orchestra, testified he had no complaint against Timmner. Mayor Baker frequently asked witnesses if they considered the director a too-exacting master; if it seemed to them that he required impossible tasks. Herr Timmner volunteered the information that he had told one young man who was studying with him and who married, that he should have married his violin.



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While friends of Gongwer felt some apprehension last fall that the element of the party that includes Peter Witt, Congressman Cresser and their allies, might try to stir up trouble, recent events have tended to dispel that idea, particularly the happenings in the many conferences held yesterday between Gongwer and McDonough and Sulzmann and his lieutenants.

Recognition of the Sulzmann followers by the Democratic organization without prejudice because they opposed Witt after Witt was indorsed, was promised for the organization by McDonough and Gongwer.

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## SULZMANN LEAVES MAYORALTY RACE

### Announces Withdrawal in Favor of Witt After Democrats Confer.

### Hopes Supporters Will Back Street Railroad Commissioner.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

John M. Sulzmann last night announced his withdrawal from the mayoralty race in favor of Peter Witt.

He issued a formal statement making known his intention, declaring he hoped the men who signed his petitions would swing their support to the street railway commissioner.

The announcement followed a day of conferences between Mr. Sulzmann, his backers, and W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough, Democratic organization leaders.

In conferring Wednesday with the two organization heads, Mr. Sulzmann, having received reports that the men who offered to aid him would suffer political penalties at the hands of the organization, declared he would continue as a candidate.

Withdrawal of Mr. Sulzmann leaves the Democratic side without a contestant save Mr. Witt, and with the entrance of Charles P. Salen or an anti-administration Democrat backed by him apparently the only future possibility.

Mr. Sulzmann said in his statement his friends circulated his petitions without authorization from him and that 60,000 signatures were obtained.

"I wish to say, with all emphasis, I don't know how to thank my friends, who were willing to make sacrifices by setting aside their time and pleasure and taking up so ardent a duty," continued the statement.

"Believing firmly in party harmony, I pledge myself to support Peter Witt, with whom I have fought side by side for the past fourteen years for the things the people of this city now enjoy," he said.

"Newton D. Baker for president." That's on the cards, speaking politically, according to a Rochester (N. Y.) newspaper. Mr. Baker spoke there recently at a conference of mayors, and this resulted in the columns of one daily:

"Mayor Baker is said to be so confident President Wilson means to keep the pre-election promise not to accept a renomination that he has announced already he will not be a candidate for re-election to his present Cleveland job."

The mayor grinned over it yesterday. "Isn't that a good one?" he asked.

Howell Wright, superintendent of City hospital, will run for council in Ward 7 if Councilman David Moylan seeks a place on the municipal bench, as it has been reported he may. Mr. Wright announced the fact last evening. His candidacy would necessitate his resignation as hospital head before the end of the summer.

Peter Witt was indorsed for mayor last night at a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Democratic club at 2155 E. 14th-st. The possible candidacies of Jacob Spero, Maurice Gelfand and J. J. Benner for council also were discussed, but there will be no indorsement until one contestant has been agreed upon.

## SEE BILL MENACE CITY LIGHT PLANT

### Officials Declare Sleeper Aims Smashing Blow at Cheap Current.

### 'It's the Same Old Lobby,' Says Mayor, After He Reads Clause.

Behind a sleeper provision in a bill just introduced in the state senate at Columbus, city officials of Cleveland yesterday professed to see the influence of the electric light corporations of Ohio threatening a smashing blow at municipal ownership and the sale of current at low rates by municipalities of the state.

No city in Ohio that hasn't already adopted municipal ownership could install a municipal lighting plant if the bill became law, according to interpretations here yesterday.

Cleveland, because it has a plant in operation, would not be forced to abandon 3-cent light, but would be crippled and hampered in making light plant extensions, it was declared.

"It's the same old lobby," Mayor Newton D. Baker exclaimed, after reading the sleeper section. Both he and Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard asserted emphatically the bill should be killed. Mr. Baker added he did not consider there was the slightest chance of such a proposal being passed by the assembly.

The bill, introduced by State Senator Louis E. Myers of Marion, is called an enabling act, to permit the city of Bellfontaine to distribute its electric current outside the city limits.

In connection with its introduction comes word from Columbus that J. C. Martin of Wilmington, president of the Electric Light Association of Ohio, has been working with members of a legislative committee, handling electric light matters.

The provision which is regarded here as "loaded" requires that electric light service furnished by any municipality shall be charged for at not less than cost, which shall include all operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation, repairs, losses, damage, "and interest at 5 per cent. per annum on the cost of acquiring, constructing or extending any such works."

The sentence quoted verbatim is the one in which the danger lies, it was pointed out yesterday.

"If such a law had been in force before we started, Cleveland would

have had no municipal light plant," declared Commissioner Ballard.

"This bill would act to stop installation of municipal light plants. A plant couldn't start up and sell current at a reasonable price under those conditions, for the interest on the cost of acquiring, in addition to those other items, would be loaded on the first year, before the plant would be doing much business."

Mayor Baker said the proposed bill should be killed "for a dozen reasons."

"It's unscientific, unsound and, of course, there isn't the slightest chance for its passage," said the mayor. "If it were law, its provisions could be made the basis for hampering lawsuits against the city. I don't think it could hurt us much now, however. It could have hurt us badly when we were beginning."



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While friends of Gongwer felt some apprehension last fall that the element of the party that includes Peter Witt, Congressman Crosser and their allies, might try to stir up trouble, recent events have tended to dispel that idea, particularly the happenings in the many conferences held yesterday between Gongwer and McDonough and Sulzmann and his lieutenants.

Recognition of the Sulzmann followers by the Democratic organization without prejudice because they opposed Witt after Witt was indorsed, was promised for the organization by McDonough and Gongwer. Sulzmann demanded that prerequisite to his withdrawal.

In addition to the element of the Democratic mayoralty which seemed only to be won by the Salen faction, the events placed the Witt element under political obligations to the two party leaders who turned the trick for Witt.

#### Demands Recognition.

Sulzmann held a lengthy conference Wednesday with McDonough and Gongwer, at which he served notice he intended to run in spite of his half promise to Witt and Peter Henry at a conference February 19 at his cigar factory that he would withdraw. Late Wednesday night it became known that Sulzmann would quit if recognition for his lieutenants was pledged by the organization.

Sulzmann's allies were called in yesterday to the city hall. Gongwer and McDonough talked with Charles Gagen and Charles V. Gilbert, the leaders in Sulzmann's following, and found them hard to pull off of their candidate. These men, as well as Sulzmann, were told about the recognition, and it was said they agreed to be for Witt.

#### Sulzmann Thanks His Friends.

Sulzmann last night issued an eloquent statement, thanking his friends heartily for their work in obtaining 60,000 signatures to petitions asking him to run. He said that "on account of the necessity of his assisting his wife in bringing up their eleven children, and the need of attention to his business," he had decided not to run. As a believer in party harmony, he said, he would support Witt, who was eulogized in the statement.

"I was never more interested in my own campaign than I am in this," said Sulzmann. "What difference does it make, whether his name or mine is added to the list of mayors? Years from now both he and I will be known, not by what we have done for us, but what we have done for the city. Let him be the one who will feel that I have not failed."

## SULZMANN LEAVES MAYORALTY RACE

### Announces Withdrawal in Favor of Witt After Democrats Confer.

### Hopes Supporters Will Back Street Railroad Commissioner.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

John M. Sulzmann last night announced his withdrawal from the mayoralty race in favor of Peter Witt.

He issued a formal statement making known his intention, declaring he hoped the men who signed his petitions would swing their support to the street railway commissioner.

The announcement followed a day of conferences between Mr. Sulzmann, his backers, and W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough, Democratic organization leaders.

In conferring Wednesday with the two organization heads, Mr. Sulzmann, having received reports that the men who offered to aid him would suffer political penalties at the hands of the organization, declared he would continue as a candidate.

Withdrawal of Mr. Sulzmann leaves the Democratic side without a contestant save Mr. Witt, and with the entrance of Charles P. Salen or an anti-administration Democrat backed by him apparently the only future possibility.

Mr. Sulzmann said in his statement his friends circulated his petitions without authorization from him and that 60,000 signatures were obtained.

"I wish to say, with all emphasis, I don't know how to thank my friends, who were willing to make sacrifices by setting aside their time and pleasure and taking up so arduous a duty," continued the statement.

"Believing firmly in party harmony, I pledge myself to support Peter Witt, with whom I have fought side by side for the past fourteen years for the things the people of this city now enjoy," he said.

"Newton D. Baker for president."

That's on the cards, speaking politically, according to a Rochester (N. Y.) newspaper. Mr. Baker spoke there recently at a conference of mayors, and this resulted in the columns of one daily.

"Mayor Baker is said to be so confident President Wilson means to keep the pre-election promise not to accept a renomination that he has announced already he will not be a candidate for re-election to his present Cleveland job."

The mayor grinned over it yesterday. "Isn't that a good one?" he asked.

Howell Wright, superintendent of City hospital, will run for council in Ward 7 if Councilman David Moylan seeks a place on the municipal bench, as it has been reported he may. Mr. Wright announced the fact last evening. His candidacy would necessitate his resignation as hospital head before the end of the summer.

Peter Witt was indorsed for mayor last night at a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Democratic club at 2155 E. 14th-st. The possible candidacies of Jacob Spero, Maurice Gelfand and J. J. Benner for council also were discussed, but there will be no indorsement until one contestant has been agreed upon.

## SEE BILL MENACE CITY LIGHT PLANT

### Officials Declare Sleeper Aims Smashing Blow at Cheap Current.

### 'It's the Same Old Lobby,' Says Mayor, After He Reads Clause.

Behind a sleeper provision in a bill just introduced in the state senate at Columbus, city officials of Cleveland yesterday professed to see the influence of the electric light corporations of Ohio threatening a smashing blow at municipal ownership and the sale of current at low rates by municipalities of the state.

No city in Ohio that hasn't already adopted municipal ownership could install a municipal lighting plant if the bill became law, according to interpretations here yesterday.

Cleveland, because it has a plant in operation, would not be forced to abandon 3-cent light, but would be crippled and hampered in making light plant extensions, it was declared.

"It's the same old lobby!" Mayor Newton D. Baker exclaimed, after reading the sleeper section. Both he and Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard asserted emphatically the bill should be killed. Mr. Baker added he did not consider there was the slightest chance of such a proposal being passed by the assembly.

The bill, introduced by State Senator Louis E. Myers of Marion, is called an enabling act, to permit the city of Bellfontaine to distribute its electric current outside the city limits.

In connection with its introduction comes word from Columbus that J. C. Martin of Wilmington, president of the Electric Light Association of Ohio, has been working with members of a legislative committee, handling electric light matters.

The provision which is regarded here as "loaded" requires that electric light service furnished by any municipality shall be charged for at not less than cost, which shall include all operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation, repairs, losses, damage, "and interest at 5 per cent. per annum on the cost of acquiring, constructing or extending any such works."

The sentence quoted verbatim is the one in which the danger lies, it was pointed out yesterday.

"If such a law had been in force before we started, Cleveland would

have had no municipal light plant," declared Commissioner Ballard.

"This bill would act to stop installation of municipal light plants. A plant couldn't start up and sell current at a reasonable price under those conditions, for the interest on the cost of acquiring, in addition to those other items, would be loaded on the first year, before the plant would be doing much business."

Mayor Baker said the proposed bill should be killed "for a dozen reasons."

"It's unscientific, unsound and, of course, there isn't the slightest chance for its passage," said the mayor. "If it were law, its provisions could be made the basis for hampering lawsuits against the city. I don't think it could hurt us much now, however. It could have hurt us badly when we were beginning."



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## TIMMNER TO TAKE STAND TODAY AND ANSWER ATTACKS

**Municipal Orchestra Director  
Will Deny He Used Position  
to Force Cash Tribute  
From Players.**

**Witness Testifies Leader In-  
sisted on Selling Him Violin  
Strings and Hand  
Lotion.**

**WOMAN HERE SUGGESTS  
HIRING PITTSBURG MAN**

**Music Patron Confers With  
City Official as Quiz  
Continues.**

Christiaan Timmner, director of the Cleveland Municipal Symphony orchestra, this morning will take the witness stand in the hearing of charges against him in the council chamber in city hall.

The director will tell his side of the allegations that he is using his official position as a means to obtain private pupils for himself and Mrs. Timmner, and city officials last night asserted they believe his story will exonerate him.

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black, who conducted the hearing yesterday morning, said last night the case against Director Timmner is without support. Yesterday's witnesses, he asserted, failed to substantiate their claims.

"The only question involved," said Mr. Black, "is whether Mr. Timmner has been forcing applicants for orchestra positions to take lessons from him. All other issues are irrelevant."

Despite the view taken by city officials, Karl Bernthal of Pittsburgh as a successor to Mr. Timmner was suggested to Commissioner Black by Mrs. C. W. Merrell, 2036 E. 100th-st., at a conference yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Merrell is a prominent suffragist and music patron.

### Club Women Investigate.

At the same time, Mrs. Morris A. Black and Mrs. George Sherwin, representing the Fortnightly Musical club, were in conference with Mayor Newton D. Baker, threshing out the tangles into which the Timmner charges have thrown municipal orchestra affairs.

These conferences at city hall immediately followed a hearing in the council chamber yesterday morning when Director Timmner faced the men who accused him of using his official position to obtain private pupils for himself and Mrs. Timmner.

Mayor Baker and Councilman Clayton C. Townes quizzed the six musician-witnesses. Law Director John N. Stockwell and Welfare Director Harris R. Cooley also were present. The council chamber and galleries

were filled with interested onlookers.

Mrs. Merrell was reluctant in discussing her conference with the recreation commissioner, but Mr. Black admitted Director Timmner's methods had been scored.

"I did mention Mr. Bernthal," said Mrs. Merrell, "for I feel it would be a well deserved tribute to a former Clevelandist to call him to conduct Cleveland's orchestra. He is a musician of note."

### Believes Timmner is Failure.

Commissioner Black said Mrs. Merrell felt Mr. Timmner has failed to enlist the sympathy of the public and the interest of his musicians. She suggested the ground be looked over thoroughly for a successor and strongly intimated Karl Bernthal is the logical man for the place.

Of the conference in Mayor Baker's office no one would talk. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Sherwin stated the discussion revolved about the Timmner case, but would not particularize. Mayor Baker said the conferees had laid before him complaints similar to those out of which the charges grew.

At the conclusion of the public hearing yesterday morning, many city officials asserted substantiation of the charges was lacking. Commissioner Black asserted the differences between the prosecuting witnesses and the director seemed to be largely those of opinion and judgment.

The star witness as far as the onlookers were concerned was Simeon L. S. Fridkowsky, 2335 E. 59th-st. Fridkowsky testified the director had made him buy new violin strings, sold him a lotion to keep his hands from perspiring, insisted that he spend \$10 for a set of books he already had and made him mark scores until he couldn't sleep.

"I am his friend," Fridkowsky insisted.

"Oh, are you?" demanded Director

Timmner, glaring across the table at the witness.

"You know it, Herr Timmner," replied Fridkowsky.

"I have been taking lessons from Herr Timmner," Fridkowsky began. "When I went to him first he said his price would be \$3 for a half hour. I said I couldn't afford to pay it."

"What did Mr. Timmner say then?" asked Mayor Baker.

"What did he say? Why he said he would make it \$2 for a half hour, but he added, 'If you let anyone know I am giving you lessons for \$2 you break your own glasses.'"

"I went to his house for my first lesson. He said my violin strings were no good and he sold me some new ones. Then—"

In a deep silence Mr. Fridkowsky plunged his hand deep into his pocket, pulled out a small bottle half filled with fluid and set it on the table. Mrs. Timmner in the rear of the room rose to look at the exhibit, while the mayor, the law director, the welfare director and the recreation commissioner viewed it as though it might be a bomb.

"Looks like gin," commented Mr. Timmner.

"Well, what is it?" asked Commissioner Black.

"That's the question," agreed Mr. Fridkowsky, "what is it? Listen. That day I said to Herr Timmner, 'Herr Timmner, my hands perspire. What shall I do?' He said, 'Wait, I'll show you.' Then he brought this and sold it to me. He told me to rub it

on my hands. I did and it just dried up the skin."

"Herr Timmner had me mark the scores for the orchestra. Oh, what a job! It was so much work I had to have my father and sister help me. In return I was to get two lessons a week. I played in the rehearsals, but not in the concerts. Herr Timmner always told me I was lucky to get free instructions and \$13 a week, but I didn't get \$13 a week. I never got one cent. When I asked Herr Timmner why he did not again hire a man he had discharged he said, 'If you are so soft-hearted, why don't you divide your \$13 a week with him?' But how could I? I didn't get

it to divide."

"Yes, and didn't you always say to me, 'Herr Timmner, will I get my pay this week?' only five days after you started rehearsing?" demanded Mr. Timmner, leaning across the table.

"Now look," exclaimed Mr. Fridkowsky. "It was not five days. It was two weeks and then three weeks and then four weeks. Nicht wahr, Herr Timmner?"

"No, it is not," replied Mr. Timmner.

"Then after you had rehearsed several weeks and didn't get any money for it, you still hoped to be paid?" asked Mayor Baker.

"Yes," replied Mr. Fridkowsky, "and it was a sweet hope."

Lewis A. Kintz, 2566 E. 82d-st, the first witness, told substantially the story for which he has been quoted in newspapers. He said Timmner had charged him \$5 a month for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra.

"I paid him the \$5 at the next rehearsal," Mr. Kintz said. "He told me to give the money to the librarian, but the librarian was busy so I laid it on Mr. Timmner's desk. I had to ask him three or four times for a receipt. He told me I would have to take two lessons a week and study about eight hours a day. Isn't that right?"

"Yes, yes," smiled Mr. Timmner. "Give up all friends and pleasures for practice."

"If Timmner hadn't told me he was not to get my \$5," continued Kintz, "I would have objected to paying it. He was antagonistic to me. I do not like his mode of teaching. He goes into detail too much and is overbearing in his manner. He finds fault where none exists. I didn't report the \$5 to city officials, as I had been advised to do by other musicians."

"Why not?" asked Mayor Baker.

"Because I knew that the city had paid Timmner's fine when he got in trouble with the musicians' union and I thought if the union could do nothing with him, I certainly could not."

Mr. Kintz admitted there are many musicians holding posts in the orchestra who never studied with Director Timmner.

"When you came to me after having been dismissed from the orchestra I asked you pointblank if you thought you had been dismissed because you had not taken lessons from Timmner," said Commissioner Black. "What was your answer?"

"I said I thought it was," answered Mr. Kintz.

"You did not," said Mr. Black. "You said you could not say that was the reason. You said you thought Timmner did not like you."

In answer to a question from Mayor Baker, Mr. Kintz said union musicians do not feel Timmner is too exacting.

"He was too abrupt," said Mr. Kintz. "His conduct was not gentlemanly."

"No one has defined a gentleman," said Mayor Baker. "That's largely a matter of opinion."

Sydney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton-av N. E., reiterated his previous statement that Mr. Timmner had said he must study with him one year before taking a place in the orchestra.

"I played a selection for Timmner," said Sampliner. "He criticized my playing. Then he played it himself and found I had played it as it was written, so he criticized the arranger."

"I told you about it, Mr. Black. Next day I went back to you and you said, 'I am sorry, but I can do nothing for you. You must study with Mr. Timmner.'"

"I said that?" asked Black. "Well, that's interesting evidence. It's strange I can't remember it."

"It is strange," agreed Mr. Sampliner.

"We'll have to start another investigation," laughed Mayor Baker. "There are only twelve on now. Might as well have thirteen."

LaVern Williams, 9425 Pratt-av S. E., said when he applied for a place in the cello section of the orchestra Mr. Timmner told him he must study with Mrs. Timmner first.

George Hruby, 10722 Lee-av, and Harry Narovec, 12418 Ingomar-av N. E., testified they had no grievance against Mr. Timmner and that they had been misquoted in interviews accredited to them.



# TIMMNER DENIES CHARGES; COUNCIL TO ACT AS JURY

City hall investigation in charges preferred against Herr Christiaan Timmner, municipal orchestra conductor, that he made use of his official capacity to augment his class of pupils, closed at noon Friday after Edmund H. Rider, 3375 E. 116th st., and Lad J. Mulac, 5747 Broadway, had added to damaging evidence already offered, and Timmner himself took the stand to enter a sweeping denial.

Immediately after the close of the hearing Councilman Clayton C. Townes, at whose instigation Welfare Director Cooley Monday night will report back to council on the orchestra's finances, announced he is considering demanding that council hereafter forbid the director of the orchestra to conduct private classes.

This, Townes said, apparently is the only means at hand for eliminating from the city orchestra the discord that has been rampant the past two seasons and has reflected disastrously at the box office. Officials of the musicians' union, it is understood, favor placing such a ban on whoever leads the orchestra.

Approximately a hundred musicians

attended Friday's hearing. Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black again quizzed witnesses, while Mayor Baker cross-examined when Timmner seemed in danger. Welfare Director Cooley also attended. Business in many city hall departments was at a standstill during the hearing, as was the case Thursday.

With the testimony all in and Timmner's denial entered, Black said he thought the only moot point of all the evidence submitted was Timmner's acceptance of five dollars from Lewis A. Kintz, 2566 E. 83d st., in August, 1913, for the privilege of rehearsals with the park orchestra.

Black said that while Timmner will not be wholly exonerated—he said his actions were unwise—the director will not be severely reprimanded.

While Timmner was on the stand denying the direct charges made by Sydney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton ave.; Simeon Fridkowsky, 2335 E. 59th st.; LaVern Williams, 9425 Pratt ave., and Kintz, Baker made no effort to conceal his desire to "white-wash" the director. He explained that Timmner was justified in accepting the five dollar fee in view of the fact that Kintz needed attention and was not fit for orchestra work.

Black, Friday, backed down from his statement of Thursday that he did not recollect of Sampliner's coming to him after Timmner had told him (Sampliner) that he must take at least two month's instruction from him before obtaining a seat in the symphony. Sampliner said Black a few days later said he could do nothing for him in view of the fact he, Sampliner, was not taking from Timmner.

Official action by the union is ex-

pected to follow shortly if the city hall makes good its forecast of a "white-wash" for Timmner. A special meeting may be called soon, officials of the union said.

Winding up the hearing, Black announced he would consider the charges, confer with his superiors—Black and Cooley and Baker—and make known his findings to council through a report to be made Monday night by Cooley on orchestra finances.

Rider, the first witness, told how he went to Timmner for a tryout two years ago and detailed how Timmner found fault with his playing.

"Timmner told me I ought to hear a three-year-old pupil play the piece I played," he said. "He told me he was going to form an orchestra class and collect the class for the coming winter symphony. He promised me if I became a member of this class I would get into the orchestra."

## Again Finds Fault.

Rider then told how he went to Timmner again six weeks ago on hearing he needed second violins. He said Timmner again found fault with his playing especially the way he arched his playing arm.

"Timmner told me he could correct that fault," Rider said, "and then I would be fit for the orchestra."

Questioning by Black and Baker failed to reveal any difference in the story Rider told The News or the statements he made as a witness Friday. Rider also denied he denounced Timmner's methods in dealing with prospective orchestra members.

Mulac, who followed Rider, gave as damaging evidence Friday as Kintz, Williams, Sampliner and Fridkowsky did Thursday. He related how he had gone to Timmner early last October to try out for a place in the orchestra. Timmner criticized his playing, too. Later in the tryout Timmner gave "fatherly advice" concerning chin rests and advised him where to procure a better one.

In answer to questions by Black he said Timmner said study would eliminate his faults. As was the case with Rider, it was the arched arm movement that pained Timmner. Questions by Baker and Black failed to shake Mulac on this point.

## Ten Lessons Needed.

"Did Mr. Timmner say directly he could cure your fault?" Councilman Townes asked.

Mulac rejoined: "He said 'if you take ten lessons from me I can fix that.'"

Leo Morozko, second violinist in the municipal orchestra, now playing in the Grand theater orchestra, took the stand voluntarily and offered testi-

mony damaging to Timmner. He declared Carl Ludwig, 1190 E. 35th st., came to him last fall and told him he thought he (Ludwig) could not get a seat in the symphony unless he took lessons from Timmner. Later, he said, Ludwig came to him and told him he had decided to go under the director's tutelage. Ludwig later became a member of the orchestra.

Morozko further stated that Ludwig's mother came to him and complained that practically all of Ludwig's returns as an orchestra player went back to Timmner for his lessons. He also told that George Hruby, 19722 Lee ave., did not play in the orchestra until he took lessons from Timmner.

Aaron Gordon, 2928 Central ave., told how he went to Timmner soon after the director came to Cleveland from St. Paul. Hardly had he begun a recital of his trouble with Timmner as an instructor, when Black and

Baker refused to let him proceed on the ground anything he might say was irrelevant to the charges against Timmner.

However, before Gordon left the stand he told how Timmner had cut his rates from three to two dollars for a half hour. Henry Pfitzenmeier, president of the Musicians' union, refused Baker's offer to take the stand and give advice relative to the management of the orchestra. He advised Baker to address his query to the union.

Timmner took witness chair and made a general denial of everything the witnesses had testified to. Referring to questions by Black as to his dealing with Kintz, Timmner admitted he did accept five dollars from Kintz giving him the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra for one month. He said there was an agreement between himself and Park Commissioner Alber that he was to get the five dollars. Timmner denied he ever told Kintz the money was to be given to the librarian.

## Asked Him to Stop.

Timmner said Kintz was a pupil of his until November. He requested Kintz to stop taking lessons from him, he said, because Kintz came to him without having studied his lessons. Timmner denied Kintz was dismissed from the orchestra because he no longer studied with him, and said he dispensed with Kintz's services a month after he discontinued taking lessons.

Timmner denied in whole the story by Sidney Sampliner, who testified Timmner promised him a second violin in the orchestra if he studied with him for two months, or a first violin if he studied with him a year.

"I said so many things it is difficult to remember all of them," Timmner said. "I never said how long he should study. It do not even remember the man's name. I gave him a very cut price and gave him my time."

Timmner said how long a man had to study depended entirely on how many mistakes they made.

Timmner denied he told LaVern Williams he would give him a place in the orchestra if he became a pupil of Mrs. Timmner.

"Mrs. Timmner never did give lessons to nobody," Timmner said. "But why shouldn't I have a right to have her give lessons. It is a free country."

"I told Fridkowsky that if he should play in the orchestra it would be a great favor, for he had no ability at all. I told him if he studied hard I should give him a second violin. After six rehearsals there was a pay day and he came to me and asked if he was going to get some pay. I got very angry."

## BAKER FEARS BILL WILL BLOCK CITY LIGHT PLANT

Mayor Baker Friday planned to make a fight for the defeat of the bill introduced by Senator Myers, Marion, at Columbus, which is said to contain a provision that would prevent Cleveland from extending its municipal electric light plant, and block all cities from installing city owned plants.

Baker calls the bill "unsound and unscientific."

## SULZMANN GETS BARGAIN

John M. Sulzmann Friday was out of the mayoralty race leaving the field to Peter Witt. Sulzmann announced his withdrawal following a conference with Burr Congwer and Tim McDonough, and after he had insisted that the organization remember his friends in the passing out of plums, providing Witt should be elected.



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# TIMMNER, ON GRILL, SMILES HIS DENIALS

**Tells Probers Only Fee He Ever Accepted From Pupil Was Authorized---May Get Salary Raise.**

Christiaan Timmner testified Friday to explain accusations that he has been using his position as municipal orchestra leader to recruit private pupils.

Timmner, the last witness, was in good humor when he took the witness chair at the request of Recreation Commissioner Black, who conducted the hearing in council chamber.

Timmner smiled at his wife, sitting near by, and nodded cordially to Mayor Baker, chief inquisitor.

Then he "opened up." Expostulations, chuckles, waving of hands—all were blended in his testimony.

Here's what the stenographer's notes showed when Timmner, after an hour's joviality, had finished:

That he had accepted \$5 from Lewis Kintz, 2566 E. 83d-st, in August, 1913, giving Kintz permission in return to play in orchestra rehearsals.

#### Says Fee Was Authorized.

That the money went into his own pocket on the grounds that he had been authorized by Park Superintendent Alber to start an "orchestral class" of young musicians from whom regular players later should be recruited.

That Timmner didn't promise La Vern Williams, 9425 Pratt-av, a position among orchestra cellists if he would take lessons from Mrs. Timmner. "Mrs. Timmner wasn't giving lessons at that time—she hadn't touched her instrument for five years," he explained.

That Timmner never offered positions in the muni orchestra as bait for pupils.

That he did not promise Sidney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton-av, a position in the second violins if he would take lessons for two months.

"That Mr. Timmner has been indiscreet may be true, but that he is guilty of professional misconduct is not, in my opinion, proved," Black said at the close of the hearing.

Black will make a formal report of his findings to Welfare Director Cooley, who will turn the report over to council Monday night.

#### May Raise Leader's Pay.

At the same time Councilman Townes will suggest to council that

the salary of the muni orchestra leader be raised, he said Friday.

"The city should pay the orchestra leader so well that he won't need to teach," Townes said.

Charles S. Brooks, member of the city club committee on the muni orchestra, who attended Friday's hearing, said, "There is not a scrap

of evidence on which to convict Timmner of improper conduct."

Timmner sputtered when the name of Simon Friedkowski, 2335 E. 59th-st, was called to his attention by Black.

#### Sold Hand Lotion.

Friedkowski Thursday testified Timmner had encouraged him to attend rehearsals, but hadn't paid him for his time. Friedkowski produced a bottle of hand lotion which he said Timmner had sold him for 50 cents to keep his hands from perspiring. The lotion, he said, was "no good."

"I sold him the preparation at the price I paid for it," Timmner said, shaking his finger at Friedkowski. "If he doesn't want it, he can sell it."

Three witnesses took the stand against Timmner Friday.

They were Edmund H. Rider, 3375 E. 116th-st; Lad J. Mulac, 5747 Broadway; and Leo Morosco, a player in the orchestra.

"Timmner told me if I wanted to join the orchestra I'd better join his proposed orchestra class," Mulac said.

#### Says Job Was Promised.

Mulac testified Timmner told him that by studying more he might get a position in the orchestra when he came to try out.

Louise Lincoln, a violinist in the orchestra, and a pupil of Timmner's, said she took lessons from him for two years before

being asked to play in the orchestra.

"He never made any promises to me," she said.

Timmner, quizzed again about the \$5 he took from Kintz, said he never told Kintz, as charged, that he was not to get the money.

The undersigned, being asked to play in the orchestra, made of plain blue serge, e-bressed, balmacran or Nor-

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## SULZMAN GIVES WITT BOOST AS HE QUILTS RACE

High tribute is paid to tractioner Peter Witt in a statement issued Friday by former councilman John M. Sulzman, following Sulzman's announcement of withdrawal from the mayoralty race in the interest of democratic party unanimity in support of Witt for mayor.

Sulzman calls upon all his supporters to unite in backing Witt, saying: "I now pledge myself to support Peter Witt, with whom I have fought side by side for the last 14 years for the things the people of this great city now enjoy. I don't know a man who has more knowledge of our municipal affairs than Peter Witt."

"He has always been in the front rank, fighting for the higher ideals of progressive government. For ten years he has been a leader in the war against public service corporations."

"His honesty is unquestioned. As a man, he is kind and generous and is full of human sympathy. He always is willing to apply his knowledge for the good of humanity."

"Great questions confront us, and Peter Witt can be counted on to solve them correctly."

"I sincerely hope that all the people who have honored me with their signatures will support Peter Witt with the same feeling with which they have promised to support me. I never was more interested in my own campaign than I am in his."

Sulzman's withdrawal leaves the possible candidacy of Charles Salen as the only thing in the way of democratic unanimity.

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## 'VINDICATION' INDICATED FOR HERR TIMMNER

Commissioner Black Says Hearing Has Failed to Elicit Anything Which Would Warrant Director's Dismissal.

ACCUSED ADMITS TAKING \$5 FROM ONE APPLICANT

Orchestra Leader Denies All Other Charges; Smiles Confidently as He Testifies.



HERR CHRISTIAAN TIMMNER will be vindicated of charges made by musicians that he used his official position for private gain, according to indications at the close of the hearing in the council chamber yesterday noon.

That he would be cleared was the prediction by many observers from the first, who based their belief on the attitude of Mayor Baker and T. M. Black, commissioner of recreation. Baker yesterday refused to comment on the evidence.

The finale came when the municipal orchestra director took the stand and denied all charges against him with the exception of that made by Lewis A. Kintz, 2566 E. 83rd st., that he had paid Timmner \$5 for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra.

#### Musicians' Union May Act.

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Christiaan Timmner testified Friday to explain accusations that he has been using his position as municipal orchestra leader to recruit private pupils.

Timmner, the last witness, was in good humor when he took the witness chair at the request of Recreation Commissioner Black, who conducted the hearing in council chamber.

Timmner smiled at his wife, sitting near by, and nodded cordially to Mayor Baker, chief inquisitor.

Then he "opened up." Expostulations, chuckles, waving of hands—all were blended in his testimony.

Here's what the stenographer's notes showed when Timmner, after an hour's joviality, had finished:

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Black will make a formal report of his findings to Welfare Director Cooley, who will turn the report over to council Monday night.

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At the same time Councilman Townes will suggest to council that

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"The city should pay the orchestra leader so well that he won't need to teach," Townes said.

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Mulac testified Timmner told him that by studying more he might get a position in the orchestra when he came to try out.

Louise Lincoln, a violinist in the orchestra, and a pupil of Timmner's, said she took lessons from him for two years before

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"He never made any promises to me," she said.

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High tribute is paid to tractioner Peter Witt in a statement issued Friday by former councilman John M. Sulzman, following Sulzman's announcement of withdrawal from the mayoralty race in the interest of democratic party unanimity in support of Witt for mayor.

Sulzman calls upon all his supporters to unite in backing Witt, saying: "I now pledge myself to support Peter Witt, with whom I have fought side by side for the last 14 years for the things the people of this great city now enjoy. I don't know a man who has more knowledge of our municipal affairs than Peter Witt."

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Support and encouragement for the Municipal Symphony orchestra from every musician in Cleveland, regardless of prominence in the musical world, is the goal aimed at by Mayor Newton D. Baker, according to a statement made yesterday at the close of the hearing of charges against Director Christiaan Timmner.

Convinced that the charges of misuse of public office have not been substantiated against Mr. Timmner, Commissioner of Recreation T. M. Black re-echoed the mayor's sentiments. In his report to Welfare Director Harris R. Cooley, Mr. Black will include recommendations looking to a realization of Mayor Baker's aims. Before presenting the report to council, Mayor Baker himself will add suggestions for improvement in orchestra affairs, based on first hand information obtained at the two-day hearing.

Rumored plans on the part of some Cleveland musicians to organize a symphony orchestra not controlled by the city and in charge of a director of their own choosing received conditional support from an unexpected quarter yesterday.

### **Awaits Report to Council.**

Councilman Clayton C. Townes declared he would reserve his opinion of the entire municipal orchestra situation until after Commissioner Black has presented council with a detailed financial statement covering the season just closed.

"If the figures show the project has been costing the city too much," Mr. Townes said, "I shall support the movement to organize a symphony orchestra not controlled by the city, as proposed by a number of prominent Cleveland musicians. Under such a plan I would have the city give financial as well as moral support."

"I do not want it believed that I am opposed to Mr. Timmner as a director, but from what I heard at the hearing of the charges, I can say that I am opposed to his methods."

"In my judgment the director of the Municipal Symphony orchestra should not be allowed to take pupils. But I do not favor any increase in the present salary. If the figures for the past season show the cost of the orchestra has not been too great, then I shall stand for continuing it under conditions that will remove all existing troubles."

"My recommendation to council will be to have a director who will devote all his time to the upbuilding of the orchestra."

Commissioner Black's report on the hearing will summarize the evidence and probably will contain a recommendation that if the director of the orchestra gives lessons to members of the orchestra, such lessons shall be given free of charge.

The report of the recreation commissioner probably will state that only one of the charges made against Director Timmner was substantiated by the evidence at the hearing. This is the charge that Lewis Kintz, 2566 E. 93d-st., was required to pay a fee of \$5 a month for the privilege of joining the summer orchestra class in 1913.

"This was ill advised and was evidently the result of a misunderstanding between Mr. Timmner and Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber," said Commissioner Black. "Mr. Timmner testified that he thought the money was to go to him. Mr. Alber believed it was to go to the city. No definite plan had been agreed upon. Mr. Timmner did get the money, but it was the only case of the kind that came up. No one joined the class and the entire proposition had been forgotten. There is no other evidence of any irregularity in Mr. Timmner's conduct."

Director Timmner was the star witness at yesterday's hearing. He was on the stand less than an hour, good humoredly denied every charge against him, interspersed his testimony with advice to young musicians, and closed the hearing in a clash with Simeon L. Schatz Fridkowsky, 2335 E. 59th-st., Thursday's star witness.

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At that point Mr. Fridkowsky again entered the ring.

"Herr Timmner," he shouted, "you know why I quit taking lessons from you?"

"Sure, I know."

"One day I didn't have \$2," Mr. Fridkowsky went on, "and he wouldn't give me a lesson."

"Yes, you told us that yesterday," interrupted Mayor Baker. "And Mr. Timmner told you he wouldn't trust his own aunt."

"But he trusted me for this bottle," exclaimed Fridkowsky, jumping from his chair and waving the hand lotion about his head. "Honest and truly, Mr. Mayor, he trusted me. I didn't pay him until the next day."

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Into Methods of Civil  
Commission.**

**Council and Administrative  
Forces Clash Over Ex-  
ecutive's Act.**

A clash between the city council and administrative forces of the city was precipitated yesterday when Mayor Baker, following an opinion given by Law Director John N. Stockwell, vetoed the resolution authorizing appointment of a special council committee to probe the civil service commission's method of conducting examinations.

This council committee already has been named and is preparing to start its investigation early next week. On learning the city law director had ruled such an investigation is beyond the power of the council under the city charter and that the mayor had vetoed the resolution, City Clerk Richard E. Collins declared the mayor in his opinion had no power to veto such a measure. He asserted further the investigation might easily be pressed by a motion or by a slight rearrangement of the wording of the resolution.

"It seems to me that there is a constant effort to wrest all power from the city council," said Chairman A. J. Damm of the council committee on finance. "I am in favor of an amendment to the resolution that will emphasize the fact that the council appropriates funds for all city departments. From this standpoint it has the power to investigate."

Mayor Baker's veto message will reach the council at its coming meeting. He will inform the council he is vetoing the resolution because of the legal opinion from the law director. The resolution was offered by Councilman W. J. Horrigan at the meeting prior to the last and was adopted at the last meeting.

Some days ago Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic league forwarded a communication to Mayor Baker urging him to veto the resolution and citing sections of the city charter upon which Director Stockwell based the opinion given yesterday. It was further suggested by Secretary Fesler the mayor conduct the proposed probe under the authority given by Section 73 of the city charter. Public hearings were proposed by him.

Law Director Stockwell was asked by the mayor to study the questions raised by Secretary Fesler and yesterday the opinion of the city's legal advisor was completed and forwarded to the mayor's office. Among other things Mr. Stockwell states it was the intention of the city charter framers to limit the jurisdiction of council in the making of investigations.

## NAMES WESTMAN TO SECRETARY JOB

**Congressman Emerson Picks  
Republican Committeeman  
as Private Aid.**

**Salen Says Sulzmann's With-  
drawal Doesn't Alter In-  
dependent Race.**

William H. Westman, 11012 Sturtevant-av S. E., member of the Republican county central committee, yesterday was named private secretary to Congressman H. I. Emerson, new representative from the twenty-second congressional district.

Mr. Westman has been identified with the Republican organization in Cuyahoga county many years and was active in the campaign which resulted in the election of Congressman Emerson.

Charles P. Salen yesterday commented on the withdrawal of John M. Sulzmann from the mayoralty race by announcing it does not mean there will be no independent candidate of the Democratic persuasion next November.

"It doesn't affect the situation in the least," declared Mr. Salen. "I am only surprised that Mr. Sulzmann withdrew so soon. There will be an independent Democratic candidate for mayor, but whether it will be me or someone else I cannot say at present."

Thomas R. Marshall, vice president of the United States, will arrive in Cleveland at 7:10 this evening and at 8 will deliver an address at the Euclid Avenue temple, Euclid-av and E. 82d-st.

Although this is the first visit of Mr. Marshall to Cleveland since he became vice president, no plans for an official reception have been made because of the lateness of his arrival.

Councilman John W. Reynolds was unanimously indorsed for re-election at last night's regular meeting of the Tenth Ward Baker club.

Members of the Sixth Ward Tom L. Johnson club, 3744 W. 25th-st, last evening indorsed Attorney Edward Osterland, 902 Engineers building, as councilman to represent the sixth ward.

The Tenth Ward Republican club, 3227 Superior-av N. E., last night decided not to indorse any candidates until the mayoralty situation clears, according to Secretary Henry W. Wolf.



# AT LEAST TIMMNER CAN'T TAKE CANDIDATES AS PUPILS

Christiaan Timmner, leader of the symphony orchestra, is going to feel just a little "discipline" as a result of his trial on charges that he used his position as conductor to attract pupils to himself and Mrs. Timmner and that he did considerable business in musical sundries and made at least one sale of hand lotion.

But on the whole the investigation will result in a "whitewash" for Timmner. Council Monday night, knowing that Mayor Baker considers the charges "trivial," will exonerate Timmner. But Baker will do a little reprimanding himself, he said Saturday. "A rule should be passed which will prevent the symphony leader from accepting candidates or mem-

bers of the orchestra as private pupils. Only by the adoption of such a rule can future criticism be avoided," said Baker.

## Whitewash Is All Ready.

Black's report on the investigation will go to council Monday night via Welfare Director Cooley, who is to make a report on orchestra finances. Black will point out that Timmner was justified in taking the five-dollar fee from Lewis A. Kintz, 2566 E. 83d st., for the privilege of rehearsing with the park orchestra, and declared that Timmner's denial offsets damaging testimony offered by Sydney Sampliner, 9502 Kempton ave.; LaVern Williams, 9425 Pratt ave.; Edmund H. Rider, 3375 E. 116th st.; Simeon L. Fridkowsky, 2335 E. 59th st.; and Lad J. Mulac, 5747 Broadway. He may include the recommendation that the

director take no private pupils, as one means of restoring harmony.

## Artists Never Pay?

Robert L. White, proprietor of Kaiser's music store, the Arcade, told Saturday how Timmner shortly after his arrival in Cleveland effected a temporary "corner" on chin rests and sought to have raised the price of certain music studies he himself retailed.

E. Bakody, 1941 E. 73d st., Euclid avenue photographer, Saturday related how Timmner condescendingly offered to give a concert at Bakody's home in return for a fifty-dollar bow, and even attempted to have his photograph taken free, on the ground "artists never pay nothing for having their pictures taken."

The story Bakody told is this:

"The fact that I possess quite a collection of valuable violins was responsible for my first meeting Timmner. In my collection are a Coppa and a Carlo Bergonzi, both extremely valuable. Timmner expressed a wish to see them, so on December 12, 1912, I took the Carlo Bergonzi and went to his home. He admired it greatly and was pleased with its tone. He went into a side adjoining room and asked Mrs. Timmner to listen to its mellow tone.

"I noticed a chin rest on one of his violins and admired it. I asked him where I could get one. He said the price was five dollars, but that he had one extra. I protested, saying I had no money with me, but he said my face was good and screwed one on my Bergonzi. I mentioned the fact he and Mrs. Timmner should have their pictures taken. Timmner agreed to come down the next day.

## Ten Dollars' Worth of Time.

"Just as I was about to leave he

pulled out his watch, looked at it, puffed up and said: 'Mr. Bakody, do you know you have taken up two hours of my time? That I have given you ten dollars' worth? My time is worth five dollars an hour.' I laughed that off. Before I left he sought me as a pupil, at three dollars a lesson, but he sought in vain.

"The next day when Timmner and his wife came down to my studio Timmner was much impressed by one of my bows I showed him there. He asked me what it was worth. I told him fifty dollars. Then he made me this proposition, that he would come out to my house some night and give a concert. For concerts he said he always got \$100, so that by his playing for the bow he would be giving me fifty dollars the better of the bargain. I declined.

"Then I mentioned the fact he had come down to have his picture taken. When I asked him what style and price he wanted he said: 'Why, Mr. Bakody, artists never pay for having their pictures taken. The newspapers will want them, anyhow.' I reminded him that I, too, was an artist, but he pooh-pooed that. As matters now stand I procured ten dollars' worth of Timmner's time he never paid for, have the set of pictures and the five-dollar chin rest, while I claim he took up as much of my time at the studio as I did at his home."

White's story runs thus:

"Soon after Timmner came to town he came down to the store and purchased all the chin rests of an improved kind that I had in stock. I think I had three or four. Our retail price was \$1.25. From several sources I have heard Timmner sold them for three and four dollars.

"Not long afterwards he came in and asked that I raise the price of a certain set of violin instruction books. The price then was \$10.50. He wanted it boosted to something like \$11.80. He said he himself was selling the books and wanted to get that figure. I refused to deal with him along that line."

## Turns Down German Club.

When the German Club chorus appeared at the last municipal orchestra concert of the season, February 21, it sang three selections to the accompaniment of a lone piano. The aid given by the orchestra itself was conspicuous by its absence. The reason: Recreation Commissioner Black, business manager of the orchestra, and Herr Conductor Timmner refused to rehearse or accompany the chorus for less than \$150.

Adolf Singuf, 1915 E. 79th st., leader of the chorus, Saturday called this charge exorbitant. He said when Black notified him the chorus could sing he took it for granted the orchestra would rehearse and accompany the club's selections: Schumann's "Gypsy Life," Angerer's "Ver-rauscht-zerronnen" and Beethoven's "Die Ehre Gottes in der Natur." He went to see Timmner about the rehearsal. Timmner conferred with Black.

"They told me they would have to charge \$150 for rehearsing," Singuf declared. "They said the pay of orchestra members demanded such a charge. Naturally we refused to pay and were accompanied only by a pianist.

## Black Admits It All.

"To me a charge of \$150 seems unwarranted. I figure it would have taken up no extra time on the part of the orchestra, for the reason that our singing would necessitate the

orchestra's preparing one less selection and we could have used that time. Thirty minutes, or forty at the most, would have been ample for going over our selections. To me the \$150 charge seems unreasonable."

Black admitted that all Singuf said was true. He said the city would have had to pay the musicians one dollar an hour for rehearsing. Incidentally it was learned from Black that the orchestra came out of the season with a deficit of approximately \$150, exclusive of unpaid music and supply bills.

With Singuf's story of the \$150 charge came one relating to Ralph Leopold, pianist and brother of Mrs. Newton D. Baker. A week in advance of the final concert he was booked as the soloist. But when Black learned Leopold had prepared a concerto that would take about forty-five minutes to play, the German Club chorus was substituted.

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# HARBOR BOARD TO CONTINUE WORK

Commission Will File Report Despite Action of Council in Clipping Its Wings.

Drafts of a report on lakefront developments are being completed by the city river and harbor commission for submission to the city council, in spite of the action of the latter body in voting to repeal the ordinance creating the commission.

August Mordecai, Mayor Baker's appointee on the commission, yesterday notified other members that he would continue as a member until a final report had been made. The commission will appear before United States Engineer Bond this week to discuss the application of O. C. Barber and associates to make a fill into the lake at E. 55th st. Bond granted the permit but it was held by the United States board of engineers, after the commission had protested.

Mayor Baker's proposed bill giving municipalities the title to submerged land of Lake Erie does not entirely meet with the approval of the commission. The bill should be changed so as to apply only to Cleveland, in the opinion of commission members.

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# \$1,000 LEVY ON DEMOCRATS FOR PUBLICITY WORK

Officeholders in Cleveland Asked to Subscribe Toward Maintaining State Bureau at Columbus.

KEEP UP EFFORT DESPITE  
LOSS OF POWER IN OHIO

Cline's Entry Into Mayoralty Race Looked for at Any Time; Salen Still Nursing Plans.

## BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Democratic officeholders in Cleveland are being canvassed for subscription to maintain the Democratic state press bureau at Columbus, which sends out canned editorials and boiler-plate matter to the partisan newspapers.

One thousand dollars has been set down as the quota which the Cleveland officials are to furnish. The plan was started soon after the first of the year, at a meeting of the Democratic state executive committee. Burr Gongwer, a member of the executive committee, has been made the collector for this district and it is understood that about one-half of the stipulated sum has been forwarded to Columbus.

Democrats in the state are following the practice of the Cleveland organization when it has been out of power; they are maintaining their party publicity and organization. This was done here in 1909-1911, when Herman C. Baehr, a Republican, was mayor. At that time William J. Murphy, now postmaster, was in charge of the work.

Few developments are expected this week in the mayoralty situation. With John M. Sulzmann out of the race, Peter Witt is at present the only mayoralty candidate on the Democratic side. Charles P. Salen has told his friends that there will be another candidate, but it is understood that no developments in whatever plan Salen is nursing are due for some time.

On the Republican side, the furor of indorsement-seeking by the respective candidates seems to have died down since the battle at the League of Republican Clubs' meeting last Tuesday, when Harry L. Davis received an indorsement from what Miner G. Norton's friends declare was a rump meeting. Several of the ward clubs, notably the tenth, have taken the position that it is too early to make indorsements.

John A. Cline's entry into the field is looked for at any time. Some of his friends expect him to enter at once, others say he will surely enter at a later date, while still others declare he will not be a candidate.



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## WILL URGE MAYOR TO KEEP VICE ZONE OPEN TILL JUNE 1

Hospital Head to Ask Closing  
be Postponed Until City  
Can Care for Evicted  
Inmates.

Officials, Pastors and Agen-  
cies Disclaim Responsi-  
bility and Know of  
No Relief.

WOMEN WON'T ACCEPT  
SOCIAL WORKERS' AID

Suggest They Will Enter Res-  
idence Sections and  
Face Risks.

City Hospital Superintendent  
Howell Wright today will ask Mayor  
Newton D. Baker not to close the  
segregated district before June 1.

It developed yesterday no single  
agency or group is set to handle the  
situation closing of the vice zone will  
create.

The department of the City hos-  
pital, which will care for victims of  
social vice, will not be ready for  
opening until June 1. Police and  
health authorities declare there is no  
law to compel residents of the dis-  
trict to enter hospitals or homes.  
Ministers and social workers confess  
they have no practical plans for tak-  
ing care of the women if they are  
forced from their Hamilton-av (N. E.)  
homes March 31.

Women living in the segregated  
district yesterday unanimously as-  
serted they do not want nor will they  
accept the kind of help ministers and  
social workers have suggested and  
that if they are driven from existing  
resorts they will go to other parts of  
the city and risk the consequences.

### Can't Meet Situation.

As city officials, ministers and  
representatives of social and welfare  
agencies disclaimed personal respon-  
sibility and confessed their inability  
to offer practical suggestions for  
handling the situation, Chief of  
Police W. S. Rowe thus summed up  
the position:

If the women break the law it  
is the business of the police.

If they are a menace to public  
health it is the business of the  
health department.

If they are paupers or destitute  
it is the business of the charitable  
agencies.

If they do not come under any  
of these heads I do not know  
whose business it is.

Declaring the problem to be one  
the community cannot shirk, W. H.  
Winans, secretary of the Cleveland  
Welfare council, yesterday said he  
will take the matter up this morning  
with the executive committee of the  
council.

"If these women are to be driven  
from their present location March 31,  
as is proposed, at least we ought to

be in a position to offer them some  
alternative to the life they are lead-  
ing," Mr. Winans said.

### Would Let Women Decide.

Mr. Winans thinks the solution is  
largely up to the women themselves.

"If they will permit us to help  
them there are scores of people in  
Cleveland who will do everything  
possible to help them back to decent,  
respectable lives.

"There are many citizens who  
would be willing to take these unfor-  
tunate women into their own homes  
and give them a chance to get back  
into society and decent employment,"  
Mr. Winans said.

"What kind of employment will the  
citizens of Cleveland give us and how  
far will they be willing to recognize  
us as victims of society rather than  
vicious, mercenary parasites?" was  
the reply of residents of the restricted  
district to Mr. Winans.

"Will they send us back to those  
places of work where most of us were  
betrayed?"

"Will they make us maids in homes  
where we must enter and leave by

## TWO IN CONTEST AGAINST GONGWER

Ashtabula and Conneaut Men  
Announce Candidacy for  
Customs Collector.

Norton Prepares to Have  
Committeemen in Davis  
Precincts.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Candidacies of two Democrats of  
northeastern Ohio, beside W. B.  
Gongwer of Cleveland, for appoint-  
ment as collector of customs here to  
succeed Maurice Maschke, whose  
term expires May 31, forecast some-  
thing of a contest for the job.

These two Democrats do not seem  
to be daunted by the opinion of po-  
litical associates of Mr. Gongwer  
that he has the appointment as good  
as in his grasp.

Announcement yesterday of activi-  
ties of Clinton O. Smith of Ashtabula  
and J. F. Lane of Conneaut was the  
first intimation of opposition to Mr.  
Gongwer. Mr. Smith owns the Smith  
hotel in Ashtabula. He was appoint-  
ed deputy state oil inspector by for-  
mer Gov. Judson Harmon, and still  
holds the position. Mr. Lane ran  
last fall on the Democratic ticket for  
treasurer of Ashtabula county.

Word reaching Cleveland yesterday  
was that both are after the customs  
collector appointment.

Mr. Gongwer has the backing of  
Mayor Newton D. Baker for the place.  
Senator Atlee Pomerene is for him.  
He has the support of the Cuyahoga  
county party organization, of which  
he is leader.

Mimer G. Norton intends to begin  
next week placing committeemen of  
his own in precincts, where party  
organization committeemen favor Harry  
L. Davis.

Mr. Norton has planned to give all  
of this month and next to organiza-  
tion activities for his mayoralty  
campaign.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter  
Witt, candidate for mayor, has been

ill at his home several days. He ex-  
pects to be at his office tomorrow or  
Wednesday.

## BAKER PUTS MOVIE OVER UNIVERSITY

Tells Temple Audience Pic-  
tures Top Colleges in  
Educational Value.

Discusses Health Department  
and City Hospital  
Groups.

Moving pictures as an educational  
agency were given first place over  
colleges and other institutions of  
learning by Mayor Newton D. Baker  
in an address yesterday morning at  
The Temple, Central-av S. E. and E.  
55th-st.

"If I were given my choice be-  
tween the movies and the College for  
Women, Adelbert college or Case  
School of Applied Science," declared  
Mayor Baker, "I would choose the  
movies for pure educational value.

"Moving pictures have a power for  
education that is in its infancy in de-  
velopment."

Without criticizing attempts at  
state and national censoring by  
boards, the mayor branded motion  
picture films of today as too sensa-  
tional.

"I believe the power of public opin-  
ion should demand more educational  
or, at least, more entertaining films  
than are being shown," said Mr. Ba-  
ker. "The crime plot is too prevalent."

"The movies could be a power for  
clean politics and, hence better gov-  
ernment."

Mayor Baker declared he believes  
the home rule provisions of the city  
charter give the city the right to fix  
hours of labor. He said that in his  
opinion it is wrong to set eight hours  
arbitrarily as the proper length of the  
working day.

"I hope some future mayor of

Cleveland may name a commission to  
fix a graded scale of hours for work-  
ers," said the mayor. "Such a com-  
mission should be composed of men  
of every trade and profession."

Mayor Baker's general subject was  
"Public Sentiment and Its Relation to  
Good Government." Examining the  
history of Cleveland's government to  
determine its effect on the lives of  
the city's thousands, he told of the  
work of the health department in

prolonging human life through a de-  
crease in infant mortality and the  
death rate and traced the growth of  
the City hospital group.

## COUNCIL VOTES ON TENEMENTS CODE MONDAY

New Investigation of Civil  
Service to Be Started on  
Receipt of Mayor  
Baker's Veto.

\$300,000 TRACK RENEWALS  
WILL BE AUTHORIZED

Public Hearing Scheduled for  
Afternoon on Ordinance to  
Regulate Gas Wells.

Passage of a code regulating tene-  
ment houses, a new investigation of  
civil service and the approval of im-  
portant street railway legislation are  
on the calendar for Monday night's  
meeting of the city council.

The tenement house code has been  
pending before the council for a year.  
It was recently amended to meet ob-  
jections of opposing councilmen, who  
held up the legislation. As it now  
stands it regulates the construction of  
tenements, establishes minimums for  
light and ventilation and prescribes  
the size of lots occupied by buildings  
housing more than three families. All  
tenements are licensed.

A new investigation of civil service  
will be started on the receipt of  
Mayor Baker's veto of the Horrigan  
resolution directing that a probe be  
made of the conduct of examinations.  
Director of Law Stockwell held that  
the council was without authority to  
make an investigation of the kind  
proposed. The Horrigan resolution  
will be amended so as to state that  
the investigation is a matter on  
which the council can legislate, or an  
investigating committee will be  
named by motion. If the latter plan  
is followed the signature of the mayor  
will not be required to make it effec-  
tive.

### Track Renewals to Be Authorized.

The council will allow expenditures  
of \$300,000 for track renewals and re-  
surfacing of tracks of the Cleveland  
Railway Company, following a favor-  
able report by the street railway  
committee. The company will also  
be given authority to scrap fifty cars  
of an obsolete type and will be al-  
lowed to charge the reproduction val-  
ue of \$250,000 to the maintenance ac-  
count.

The street railway committee will  
meet Monday afternoon to consider  
an ordinance allowing the construc-  
tion of a double line of car tracks  
on E. 123d st., between Superior and  
St. Clair aves. The council several  
months ago agreed to pass a fran-  
chise for this, if property owners  
complete an extension of the street.  
Considerable opposition to the project  
has arisen among councilmen since  
that time. Abutting property owners  
on the older part of the street have  
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## SOLONS PLANNING TO BALK MAYOR BAKER ON HIS MERIT VETO

Plans for getting around Mayor Baker's veto of a resolution authorizing an investigation of civil service, without overriding it by a two-thirds vote, and continuing the investigation were discussed by administration councilmen, yesterday.

They want to avoid a break between the executive and legislative branches of the government. At the same time they will not take a slap at Director of Law Stockwell, who held that the proposed investigation was illegal, and at Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, who asked Baker to block the councilmanic investigation.

The plan which met with favor is to have Councilman Horrigan, author of the vetoed resolution, submit a motion to appoint a committee of three to investigate civil service. Motions, under rules of the council, do not require the signature of the mayor to become effective. President Thompson could then name an investigating committee and the mayor

would be powerless to interpose a vote.

Other plans call for amending the original resolution so as to state that the council might submit an amendment to charter civil service provisions, barring citizen committees, or to recite the fact that the commission's finances are under investigation.

"We will go ahead with our investigation in spite of Stockwell and Fesler," said Horrigan. His demand for an investigation followed charges that the commission had delegated its examining powers to citizen committees.

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## POLICE SHAKEUP IS URGED BY BENESCH

Radical changes in the police department will be effected by Safer Benesch, if council approves an ordinance which he will offer Monday night.

The proposed changes follow:  
Reduction of eligible age limit to twenty-two to thirty years. Present eligible age is twenty-five to thirty-three years.

Prohibition of demotion of detectives to rank of patrolmen without good reason, after 10 years service.

Increase of pay of detectives who have served 10 years from \$1455 to \$1550.

Increase in pay of the two lieutenants of detectives, Matowitz and Sterling, from \$1455 to \$1650.

Requirement that candidates for patrolman pass personality tests as well as written and physical examinations.

Introduction of a cadet system with the following scale of wages: First six months of service \$70 a month, next six months of service \$75 a month, second year \$1000 a year, third year \$1104, thereafter \$1218.

"If council approves these changes I believe the force's efficiency will be greatly increased," said Benesch. "Lowering of the age limit will give us capable, active men, and further it will decrease the drain on the pension fund. A man who goes on the force at an early age will not retire at the end of 25 years of service."

Mayor Baker and Chief Rowe Monday approved the proposed changes. Benesch will delay appointment of 10 new patrolmen until he knows the fate of his ordinance.

## BAKER OPPOSES MEASURE AIMED AT MUNY LIGHT

Mayor Baker Monday noon was to leave for Columbus, where he will urge defeat of Senator Myers' bill to force muny light plants to charge citizens at a rate high enough not only to pay maintenance, operating expenses and depreciation charges, but 5 per cent interest as well on bonds issued to build the plants or extend them.

Baker also will urge passage of Representative Briggs' bill, introduced at his request, removing from limitations of the Longworth act all muny light plants which are paying their own interest and sinking fund charges.

"The Myers bill doesn't particularly hit Cleveland," Baker said. "Even if passed it couldn't possibly raise Cleveland's muny 3-cent rate to more than 3.2 cents."

"It's absurd, because it would require any city starting a muny light plant now to charge its first customer at a rate high enough to pay operating cost, depreciation and interest charges on the entire works. As other customers were added the rate would have to be lowered correspondingly."

The first customers of the Cleveland plant, under the law, would have paid something like \$100,000 to meet the first year's interest charge.

Baker also attacked the bill on the ground that it is an invasion of constitutional and home rule rights guaranteed municipalities. He protested, too, the bill would impose financial restrictions on muny plants that private plants aren't bound by.



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## CITY OFFICIALS SEE EARLY END FOR ORCHESTRA

Conditions Disclosed at the  
Timmner Trial Spell Dis-  
memberment, They Say.

BLACK'S WHITEWASH IS  
READY TO GO TO COUNCIL

Deficit in Music Fund, and  
\$40,000 Would Be Needed  
to Attempt New Program.

Cleveland's municipal orchestra, now being kept alive only by the constant use of a metaphorical pulmotor, will surely expire next winter if Mayor Baker insists on adhering to the present plan of management and direction, city hall officials practically agreed Monday. Musicians were unanimous in declaring only startling condescension on Baker's part will save the city symphony from complete dismemberment.

Utter lack of harmony between Herr Conductor Timmner and orchestra members, no financial support from private sources and a decided display of a lack of interest have driven home the fact that the orchestra as it now stands is a complete failure, musicians claimed Monday.

### Discord Grows Greater.

Discord between Timmner and the musicians' union, it was pointed out Monday, has been embittered by last week's investigation of charges that Timmner used the orchestra for personal gain. The fact that Recreation Commissioner Black, with Baker's approval, Monday night in council will exonerate the director, thereby casting doubt on evidence offered by witnesses, all members of the union, has widened the breach.

Financially conditions are even worse, Black admitted Monday. At least \$40,000 will be needed next season if an orchestra is to be attempted again, he said. This year council set aside \$10,575, while private subscriptions totaled only \$3,500. The largest single donation was \$100. At present the orchestra fund has a deficit of \$150, exclusive of \$300 owing for music and supplies.

"The orchestra cannot exist on the low finances the city itself has offered so far," Black declared. "I would set \$40,000 as the minimum for next season. More rehearsals are needed for the artistic finish that is imperative to the symphony's success. Whether there will be a municipal orchestra next winter depends entirely on the financial support coming from non-city sources."

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The ordinance as drawn is the work of the Chamber of Commerce committee on housing, the building division of the city and members of council who have been interested in the movement for over a year.

Regulations contained in the new Cleveland code apply to every building containing three or more families. The code was passed last evening by a vote of 21 to 5. Councilman J. J. McGinty, who led the fight for several amendments, voted for the ordinance.

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Mr. Black's report rehearsed the public hearing of the charges against the conductor. Councilman Clayton C. Townes, who asked for the investigation, said he would study the report before taking further action.

"I may make some recommendations at the next meeting," said Mr. Townes. "I think the orchestra is costing too much money."

Business Agent Edward Haug of the musicians' union, at the meeting, would not intimate what action the union would take on one of Mr. Black's recommendations, which was:

"Your commissioner would further recommend that request be made to the local branch of the Musicians' Mutual Protective association for permission to allow prospective orchestra members to rehearse with the municipal orchestra without pay. It is understood that such persons will not play in any concert until they are regularly on the orchestra pay roll."

A communication was read from Mayor Newton D. Baker, in which he said:

"I share Mr. Black's view that Mr. Timmner should be completely exonerated."

Mr. Black's report stated that origin of the orchestra trouble is found in the fact that the position of orchestra conductor, together with the hiring of orchestra members, gives the conductor an advantage in securing private pupils which imposes on other instructors a serious handicap. To correct this condition, the commissioner recommended that prospective pupils of Herr Timmner be required to sign the following agreement:

That the student wishes to study with the conductor and has not studied with any other local teacher within six months of filing the application.

That this requirement cannot be set aside, except at the written request of the former instructor.

That the prospective student has not been promised a position in the orchestra by anyone, and that it is his understanding that the possibility of securing such position is entirely dependent upon the results which he produces with his instrument.

Mr. Black gave figures to show that the cost of the orchestra per patron of tax money during 1914 was 39 cents; during 1915, 33 cents.

The average attendance at concerts has remained almost stationary. In 1914 it was 2,059; this year, to date, 2,057. Total cost of the orchestra last year was \$14,806.56; this year, to date, \$6,714.60.

## PUT CHARTER PLAN UP TO REPUBLICANS

**Socialists Call Nonpartisan  
Move Attempt to Clear  
Mayoralty Race.**

**Party Names Three for Ref-  
erendum on Head of  
Ticket.**

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Cleveland Socialists, who proposed charter changes last summer, charge that the recently launched effort to amend the charter to abolish its non-partisan provisions is an attempt by the Republican party to make possible a clarification of the mayoralty situation on the Republican side.

Socialists will not support the movement, although the amendment urged by Francis V. Brady, attorney in the Leader-News building, who has petitions in circulation, is identical with the amendment backed by the Socialists six months ago.

The Socialist city central committee has forbidden party members to circulate petitions, although Socialists may sign them if they wish. Petitions sent by proponents of the new amendment to Socialist headquarters, 737 Prospect-av S. E., will not be circulated. John G. Willert, Socialist, whose name appears on the petitions as one of the committee in charge, has been instructed to the Socialist branch to which he belongs to withdraw publicly from the committee.

This attitude of the Socialists was announced last night, coincident with the announcement of nominations of candidates for mayor by Socialist branches. The branches have named C. E. Ruthenberg, party organizer; Tom Clifford, long conspicuous as a Socialist worker and speaker, and Joseph E. Robb, who ran against Mayor Newton D. Baker and Harry L. Davis in 1913. One of these nominees will be chosen as the party's candidate in a referendum vote among all party members.

The Socialist News, official publi-

cation of the Cleveland party, charges the Republicans are back of the charter amendment movement.

"It was brought out in discussion of this matter," says the organ, "that although seemingly the present effort to amend the charter did not come from any political party, it really was an effort on the part of the Republican party to clear up the muddle it faces in the many Republicans who have announced themselves as candidates for mayor."

"The Socialist effort to amend the charter a year ago was made because the Socialists are opposed to non-partisan elections on principle."

## OPEN CITY PARKS MAY 1

**Officials Plan Department  
Reorganization for Season.**

With the announcement that Mayor Newton D. Baker has tentatively decided upon the transfer of the city recreation division from the public welfare department to the department of public service, including a readjustment of authority that will place Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black under Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, city officials yesterday made public plans for the biggest park season the city has ever known.

The park season will open May 1. A feature will be the dedication of Kingsbury park.

Here are a few of the plans for the park season: Engagement of bands of national reputation for Sunday park concerts; purchase of park refreshment wagons to take the place of small unsightly stands; erection of a refreshment pavilion and boat house on Euclid-av east of the Hanna monument.

Motor driven swanboats will replace the old foot driven affairs on four park lakes, including the...

## USE ORCHESTRA FUND FOR LIGHT, TOWNES' PLAN

Action that will lead to the dismemberment of the municipal orchestra, if approved by council, is to be demanded by Councilman Clayton C. Townes as the sequel of a report on the orchestra's finances by Welfare Director Cooley and Mayor Baker's and Recreation Commissioner Black's exoneration of Christiaan Timmner, orchestra conductor, of charges he used his official capacity for personal gain.

Townes Tuesday began drafting legislation that will deprive the orchestra fund of its \$2,250 balance and utilize it for civic improvements.

More street lights for the West Side is one of the features he will urge. With the \$21,000 spent on the symphony in the 1914-1915 season a thousand street lights could have been purchased and kept going, Townes says.

That his report on the Timmner investigation contains an apparent "sleeper" was not denied by Black, although he declared there is no remedy at hand. This "sleeper" says a future pupil of the director's must agree in writing that admission to the orchestra will depend solely on his progress. It was pointed out that no other than Timmner himself could judge the progress.

Baker and Black both lauded Timmner and the orchestra, admitting that Timmner took five dollars from Lewis A. Kintz, 2436 E. 83d st., in August, 1913, for the privilege of rehearsing with the orchestra, but discounted the evidence offered by seven other musicians.

## MAY CALL BAKER TO END ROW AT POLICE STATION

Who is the custodian of the second floor of police headquarters? On the answer hangs the fate of the women's rest room at police court and enlarged quarters for Probation Officer Christian.

Safety Director Benesch and Law Director Stockwell, after three days' deliberation, they (claiming joint control of the second floor) ordered Christian to move his furnishings out of the police prosecutors' library, into which he moved last Friday at the direction of Municipal Court Clerk Peter Henry, who claims joint control with Judge Bernstein. Both Henry and Bernstein ordered Christian to remain in the prosecutors' library, despite Benesch's and Stockwell's orders.

Tuesday Christian was occupying the library, defying anyone to put him out.

It was expected Tuesday that Mayor Baker would be called into the controversy.



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## What Council Did Monday Night

Council Monday night:  
Received report exonerating Christiaan Timmner, muni orchestra leader, of charge he used city job for private gain.  
Received report putting o k on milk inspection department.  
Passed tenement code.  
Ordered report from utilities department on cost to date of building West-side tunnel.  
Adopted resolution permitting Concon to scrap 50 old cars and spend \$320,000 on track work.  
Referred proposal to permit

Concon to buy 50 new cars, to cost not over \$300,000.  
Received petition asking name of O'Shea-st be changed to Sackett-av.  
Heard ordinance read proposing radical changes in police department.  
Authorized purchase of \$2000 worth of bathing suits.  
Received mayor's veto on resolution to investigate civil service commission.  
Heard protest against condemnation of water wells in Nottingham.

## MUNY LIGHT IS STYLED A BOON TO SMALL HOME

It's the small home that benefits by the city-owned light plant, Mayor Baker at Columbus Monday night told the house committee on public utilities.

The committee session soon became a sort of school, with Baker the teacher and the members pupils. They wanted to know all about Cleveland's business methods.

Baker told them how much cheaper municipal service is for the small consumer.

Baker advocated the Briggs bill, exempting bonds of muni light plants from a provision of the Longworth act which limits the purpose of municipal corporations in issuing bonds. Thus light plant bonds are classed with the bonds of a waterworks, on the ground that such plants are self-supporting, whereas other city enterprises are paid for by taxation.

"Public utilities should be kept quite separate from other city enterprises," Mayor Baker said. "They will be so under this bill, because it puts them in the same accounting as private utilities."

Mayor Baker warned the committee against the Behne and Myers bills in the senate, charging solely against the revenue of utilities, instead of the city, bonds issued for purchase or construction of any utility, and requiring two-thirds majority vote to raise money for it.

They are the work of privately owned public utilities, he charged, and would necessitate an expensive election every time Cleveland wanted to issue a \$1000 bond.

## CITY ORCHESTRA REORGANIZATION URGED BY BLACK

Recreation Commissioner Black Tuesday was to ask Mayor Baker to approve a plan for complete reorganization of the muni orchestra.

Black would abolish the big winter symphony concerts. He would build up a smaller orchestra that would give summer concerts in the bathhouses and other social centers in winter.

"Christiaan Timmner, orchestra leader of last season, would be retained as music supervisor," said Black.

Councilmen Reynolds and Townes have approved Black's plan.

Baker, however, Tuesday said he favored having concerts given by a small orchestra at social centers the year round, but he said it would be a mistake to abandon the winter symphonies.

In his report to council Monday night on the result of an investigation into charges that Timmner used his city job to gain private pupils, Black exonerated the orchestra leader.

Director Cooley reported orchestra concerts during the season just closed cost an average of 36 cents a patron. The average attendance was slightly over 2000, he said.

## NEEDS AT HOSPITAL OUTLINED BY MAYOR

In a long letter to council Monday night, Mayor Baker outlined plans for the building up of city hospital, but he did not recommend submission to the voters of a proposed bond issue of \$2,000,000 to cover the cost of new structures.

"I merely wish to call public attention to the needs of this institution," he said.

When the group of buildings is completed on Scranton-rd the hospital will have 1950 beds, he said. He urged the Scranton-rd group be supplemented with convalescent hospitals at Warrensville.

## PALMER GOES INTO FIGHT FOR FEDERAL OHIO CUSTOMS POST

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

New opposition to Burr Gongwer's appointment as United States collector of customs for Ohio appeared yesterday when J. C. Palmer, of Willoughby, O., served notice on Gongwer that he would be a candidate himself.

Palmer called on Gongwer in the afternoon and informed the Democratic leader that he intended to try to get the coveted federal appointment. Palmer is the manager of a San Francisco fair excursion company, with offices at 1114 Hippodrome building.

So far reports that charges would be filed against Gongwer have not materialized. Reports that there might be some such action by Gongwer's political enemies stirred up several candidates.

Information has reached Cleveland that Clinton O. Smith, of Ashtabula, whose name was used as a candidate, is merely seeking an appointment as the deputy collector at the port of Ashtabula. J. F. Lane, of Conneaut, is a preliminary candidate against Gongwer, however.

While friends of former Congressman Bathrick, of Akron, have used his name as a possible candidate, he has not announced himself as yet.

Despite talk about other candidates, Gongwer's friends believe that the appointment is safely landed for him. They pointed out that he has the solid backing of the regular county and state Democratic organizations.

A delegation consisting of committees from many Cleveland civic organizations will go to Columbus today to see Governor Willis and legislators in the interest of the pending bill to permit the county commissioners to appropriate funds for the use of the county park board.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry, the Engineering Society of Cleveland, the Cleveland chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Cleveland Automobile Club and the county park board will all be represented.

The Union League will meet at the Beckman block tomorrow night.

Congressman Robert Crosser's return to Cleveland from Washington has been interrupted by the serious illness of his father, Dr. James Crosser, of Salineville, O. The con-

gressman went to Salineville from Washington.

Myron T. Herrick plans to remain in the south for another six weeks or more, his Cleveland representatives said yesterday. His first public address will be at Muskogee, Okla., April 27.

## MAYOR NOW INVOLVED IN RESTROOM FIGHT

The restroom war which has been waged between Municipal Clerk Henry and Chief Probation Officer Christian on one side and the police prosecutors on the other has involved Mayor Baker. He was drawn into the controversy by the prosecutors. Judge Bernstein yesterday arrayed himself with Henry, in the struggle to obtain a restroom for women at police headquarters.

The judge said that Christian might remain in the law library where he has established headquarters giving the office he formerly occupied for a restroom.



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## MOOSE WILL QUIZ WOULD-BE MAYORS

Plan to Ask Mayoralty Candidates to Speak Before Progressive Club.

Willoughby Man Says He is Going After Maschke's Job.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, candidates for mayor, are to be asked to appear before the Cuyahoga County Progressive club at an early date and tell their attitudes on issues concerning municipal government, according to plans announced yesterday.

A lively meeting, with the possibility of each candidate being requested to state his opinion regarding a segregated vice district, was forecast when it appeared that club members would expect to question the speakers.

With this development yesterday came word to Cleveland Progressives as to preliminary laying of lines for the national Progressive campaign in 1916.

Direct assurance that the national Progressive organization will be prepared to back a presidential candidate was contained in an open letter sent out by the volunteers' department of the Progressive national committee at New York.

The letter asks a continuance of contributions to the national organization preliminary to making ready for the fight a year hence.

"The Democratic party is rapidly on the down grade," says the letter in part. "The Republican party will inevitably be divided into two camps, the progressive Republicans and the reactionary Republicans, and if we continue to stand firm, just where we are, for solid, conservative progressivism, and the principles of Lincoln Republicanism, for which we have always stood, we are bound to be a determining factor in the next elections. Conditions are changing rapidly, and nothing is more certain than the extraordinary uncertainty of the next two years, both in business and in politics."

The letter says the Progressive vote of nearly 2,000,000 in 1914 was not produced by any general campaign effort, and includes a table of statistics comparing the vote in each state in 1912 and 1914. Progressives here declare, in referring to the figures, it is plain Republicans cannot hope to win in a national campaign without Progressive strength.

Men of the third party are figuring on the chance that Republicans will divide over the question of prohibition in their next national convention.

The vote table sent in the Progressive letter was compiled by correspondents of the New York Times. It shows these totals: Democrats, 6,324,962 in 1914, and 6,293,019 in 1912; Republicans, 6,013,374 in 1914 and 3,484,956 in 1912; Progressives, 1,906,417 in 1914 and 4,119,507 in 1912.

In comparing the 1914 figures Progressives pointed out yesterday that in six states that went Democratic last fall the victories would have been Republican had it not been for the Progressive separation from the Republican tickets.

J. C. Palmer of Willoughby, member of the Lake county Democratic executive committee, who has offices in the Hippodrome building with Patrick O'Brien and is interested in Panama-Pacific exposition excursions, asserted yesterday he expected to seek appointment as collector of customs in Cleveland to succeed Maurice Maschke.

W. B. Gongwer, Democratic organization leader here, has the support of Mayor Newton D. Baker and Senator Atlee Pomerene for the job.

Even this far ahead friends of M.

J. McGinty, city sport director, are beginning to boom him for the Democratic nomination for sheriff in 1916, to succeed W. J. Smith, serving his second term.

Fellow members of athletic and social organizations to which Mr. McGinty belongs are urging the possibility.

"Mike's got the right 'personality' for a sheriff, all right," one of them said yesterday.

## CITY MAY BID FOR OLYMPIC CONTESTS

Sees Chance to Have Games Here, After Meet is Transferred.

Mayor to Appoint Committee to Consider the Project.

Cleveland's projected bid for the Olympic games of 1916, knocked on the head when the international Olympic committee awarded the franchise to Berlin, again becomes practical by yesterday's cancellation of the German franchise in favor of America.

Councilman Clayton C. Townes Monday will submit a resolution to city council, requesting Mayor Newton D. Baker to name a citizens' commission of fifteen to consider the advisability of renewing the application to have the next Olympiad assigned to Cleveland and to discuss means of raising the fund necessary.

A similar resolution submitted to council sometime ago was defeated, when Mayor Baker raised the question of the propriety of the move until Germany's franchise had either been canceled or surrendered.

The decision to transfer the franchise from the Deutsche Olympische Verband to the American Olympic committee was reached yesterday at a special meeting of the international Olympic committee at Lyons, France.

News of the change was telegraphed to Cleveland last night by C. F. Bertelli, Paris correspondent of the Plain Dealer.

George A. Schneider, secretary of the Cleveland Athletic club, one of the leading sponsors of the original plan to have the games in Cleveland, was in Columbus last night, but other prominent citizens welcomed the opportunity which the European war unexpectedly gives the United States.

## ASKS CIVIC CENTER FOR STERLING PARK

Councilman Would Test District Management Form of Government.

Group Would Hold Auditorium, Gym, Fire and Police Stations.

To build up a civic center at Sterling park that will enable the city to test the district management form of government used at Paris, France, Councilman J. W. Reynolds yesterday outlined a plan to raise funds to purchase additional property needed and to erect all buildings in the group.

The civic center group would consist of an auditorium, bath house, gymnasium, fire station and police station.

To raise the funds Councilman Reynolds would sell this city property: Clinton park at E. 17th-st and Lakeside-av N. E.; Waring playground; Kelley-av N. E. playground; second precinct police station, E. 24th-st and Oregon-av N. E.; engine house No. 5, E. 34th-st. The entire scheme will be studied by a committee soon to be named.

Councilman Reynolds believes the Waring school tract should be purchased by the board of education and the Clinton park tract by the railroads. The Kelley-av tract would be suitable for manufacturing purposes, as would be the police station.

"Sterling park would be extended to Superior-av on the south and St. Clair-av N. E. on the north," concluded Mr. Reynolds. "The police station would be located at the Superior-av N. E. end and the fire station at the St. Clair-av N. E. side. There would be headquarters in the social center building and bath house for receiving complaints and handling service work."

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## MAYOR RESTS AFTER WHIRL OF SPEAKING

Mayor Baker is resting.

About a year ago the mayor was making about ten speeches a week. With the exception of Sundays he had practically no evenings at home.

Milton Young, his secretary, estimates Baker made 1200 speeches the first three years in office.

But now, in his fourth year, the mayor has cut his speeches to two a week.

Last summer the following was a typical week's program of speeches: Patriotic mass meeting of newly naturalized citizens, Y. M. C. A., Hungarian mass meeting, Lutheran church celebration, banquet of Bohemians, brewers' banquet, personal liberty league picnic.

The subjects on which Baker has talked are as varied as his audiences. But always he has brought before his hearers the picture of a better Cleveland.

The routine in the mayor's office has varied little since 1912.

He's at his desk at 9 a. m. The first hour he dictates letters. In the next two hours Baker meets a steady stream of committees, delegations, city department heads and newspapermen.

At noon he goes to lunch with Postmaster Murphy unless he has a speaking engagement. He gets back at 1 p. m. and dictates for another hour. Then he often goes out to inspect city institutions or work in course of construction. If he's at the city hall his door is open from 2 to 4 p. m. Councilmen and politicians usually flock to the office at the latter hour. The mayor leaves for home at 5 p. m.

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Civic League Opposes Bill to Give Naturalization Fees to County Official.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

State Representative Stephen M. Young is a candidate to succeed W. B. Gongwer as clerk of the board of elections when Mr. Gongwer is appointed collector of customs at the expiration of Maurice Maschke's term.

This word, passed yesterday, occasioned surprise among Democrats, as Mr. Young's inclination in that direction was not generally known.

Mr. Young has already been in communication with Mr. Gongwer regarding the possibility.

Collector Maschke steps out of office June 1. Mr. Gongwer, Democratic organization leader, is scheduled by his party for the appointment. If he gets it, he will leave the board of elections with a year of his term yet to serve.

Mr. Young, if favored by the Democratic organization for Mr. Gongwer's place, would resign from the legislature.

There has been talk of T. P. Murray, deputy city clerk, as a possibility for the position. Several Democratic politicians have urged him to seek the job, but he has not indicated that he will be a candidate.

The Civic league yesterday filed with the judiciary committee of the state senate at Columbus a protest against a bill introduced by Senator Lloyd of Franklin, intended to grant county clerks fees paid in naturalization proceedings.

Passage of the bill, the league points out, would give the county clerk one-half the fees accruing to his office from naturalization work. In Cuyahoga county, it was said yesterday, the amount averages more than \$7,000 annually, and the county clerk would receive \$3,000 in addition to his salary.

A league announcement stated Secretary Mayo Fesler and County Clerk E. B. Haserodt would appear before the judiciary committee if necessary.

Francis V. Brady, Leader-News building, yesterday announced he would call in by March 20 all petitions being circulated to amend the city charter to eliminate its nonpartisan provisions.

Mr. Brady, who had just returned from Columbus, where he was ad-

vancing his candidacy for appointment as field secretary for the blind commission, issued a denial of charges by Socialists that the charter amendment movement is an attempt by the Republican party to clear the mayoralty situation.

## MAY GIVE MEDALS FOR BRAVE DEEDS

City Officials Consider Bailey Co. Offer to Donate Trophies.

Firemen, Police and Citizens Eligible to Receive Honors.

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday took under consideration the plan of awarding medals to police and firemen for acts of bravery performed in the line of duty.

The Bailey Co. will offer three gold medals each year, one for firemen, one for policemen and one for citizens distinguishing themselves by bravery.

"The awarding of medals for acts of bravery," said Mayor Baker, "would be an excellent means for citizens of Cleveland to show their appreciation for our firemen and police. It is worthy of the most serious consideration."

At council meeting Monday night, Councilman W. L. Wagner, chairman of the council committee on police, will introduce a resolution authorizing Mayor Baker to name a permanent commission of award. The resolution will specify that the commission be composed of the mayor, director of public safety, the United States district judge, president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Chamber of Industry.

Another resolution will be offered, announcing the offer of the three medals by the Bailey Co., and asking that they be accepted by the city.

"Mere mention of acts of bravery is not enough," declared Victor Sincere, manager of the Bailey Co. "Citizens of Cleveland should make known in a substantial way the fact that they honor the men of the fire and police departments who daily risk their lives in the protection of life and property."

The medal offered by the Bailey Co. for firemen is embossed with fire department insignia, encircled with a wreath and surmounted by an eagle. The whole is suspended on two gold chains from a bar, on which the name of the recipient is to be engraved.

The medal for policemen is similar, except that a star inclosing the words, "Juncta Juvant," above the scales of justice, replaces the insignia.

The citizens' medal contains an embossed reproduction of the soldiers and sailors' monument. Each bears the words, "Bailey Medal," and each is set with a large diamond.

It is proposed to make the awards on Cleveland day, July 22, each year.

## PUSHES OLYMPIC PLANS

Mayor's Committee to Report on Games.

Mayor Newton D. Baker announced yesterday he will name a commission of five citizens to report on the feasibility of inaugurating a campaign for the 1916 Olympic games, following a recommendation by the council committee on parks in a recent report to council.

On learning that Mayor Baker is preparing to name the commission, Councilman Townes yesterday stated he would not offer additional legislation if it was not needed at this time.

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## PARTY VOTING IS FAST BECOMING JUDICIAL ISSUE

Mooney Municipal Court Bill Now Expected to Pass House and Senate at Columbus.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Judicial as well as mayoralty politics is gravely concerned with the attempt to amend the charter by abolishing nonpartisan preferential voting.

State Representative Stephen M. Young brought word to the city yesterday that the Mooney municipal court act, which will provide that the election of judges be made in the same manner as provided for city officials, is expected to pass the Senate this week and probably will pass the House.

Under the provisions of the act, no party primaries for the nomination of municipal judges or court clerk would be held unless the charter is amended. Three additional judges are authorized by the bill so that six will be elected this fall if it is adopted. The bill aims to make the term six years and provides that this year three judges and the clerk be elected for six years and three judges for four years. After that all judges would be elected for six years.

New Candidates Appear.

Fresh candidates for judges and clerk are coming out daily in spite of the uncertainty of election methods. Of the present Democratic legislative delegation, it is understood that William Hasselman, Virgil J. Terrell and E. J. Hopple are prospective candidates for judge. Young, whose name has been mentioned, yesterday announced he would not run.

Several new names appeared in the clerkship situation. Friends of George Wallace, who was the last Republican nominee for county clerk, are urging him to run against Peter J. Henry, the present incumbent. John H. Cox's position is still undecided. Patrick Gibbons, former deputy county clerk, is still in the field.

Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke yesterday recommended to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo the appointment of William G. Campbell as deputy collector of customs in charge of the port of Lorain. Campbell is the Lorain manager of the Great Lakes Towing Company. He takes the place of William Honecker, who resigned.

Protected by Civil Service.

Although the Lorain deputyship is in the excepted class from civil service, it was stated yesterday that the deputyships at Ashtabula and Conneaut were in the rigidly protected civil service. There have been applications by Clinton O. Smith, of Ashtabula, and J. F. Lane, of Conneaut, for appointment as deputies in their home towns after a Democrat takes the collectorship.

At first it was said here both men were candidates against Burr Gongwer for the appointment as collector of customs, but word from the men has been received that they want the lesser positions. The present incumbents are John P. Rieg at Conneaut and Levi W. Jarvis at Ashtabula.



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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

State Representative Stephen M. Young is a candidate to succeed W. B. Gongwer as clerk of the board of elections when Mr. Gongwer is appointed collector of customs at the expiration of Maurice Maschke's term.

This word, passed yesterday, occasioned surprise among Democrats, as Mr. Young's inclination in that direction was not generally known.

Mr. Young has already been in communication with Mr. Gongwer regarding the possibility.

Collector Maschke steps out of office June 1. Mr. Gongwer, Democratic organization leader, is scheduled by his party for the appointment. If he gets it, he will leave the board of elections with a year of his term yet to serve.

Mr. Young, if favored by the Democratic organization for Mr. Gongwer's place, would resign from the legislature.

There has been talk of T. P. Murray, deputy city clerk, as a possibility for the position. Several Democratic politicians have urged him to seek the job, but he has not indicated that he will be a candidate.

The Civic league yesterday filed with the judiciary committee of the state senate at Columbus a protest against a bill introduced by Senator Lloyd of Franklin, intended to grant county clerks fees paid in naturalization proceedings.

Passage of the bill, the league points out, would give the county clerk one-half the fees accruing to his office from naturalization work. In Cuyahoga county, it was said yesterday, the amount averages more than \$7,000 annually, and the county clerk would receive \$3,000 in addition to his salary.

A league announcement stated Secretary Mayo Fesler and County Clerk E. B. Haserodt would appear before the judiciary committee if necessary.

Francis V. Brady, Leader-News building, yesterday announced he would call in by March 20 all petitions being circulated to amend the city charter to eliminate its nonpartisan provisions.

Mr. Brady, who had just returned from Columbus, where he was advancing his candidacy for appointment as field secretary for the blind commission, issued a denial of charges by Socialists that the charter amendment movement is an attempt by the Republican party to clear the mayoralty situation.

## MAY GIVE MEDALS FOR BRAVE DEEDS

City Officials Consider Bailey Co. Offer to Donate Trophies.

Firemen, Police and Citizens Eligible to Receive Honors.

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday took under consideration the plan of awarding medals to police and firemen for acts of bravery performed in the line of duty.

The Bailey Co. will offer three gold medals each year, one for firemen, one for policemen and one for citizens distinguishing themselves by bravery.

"The awarding of medals for acts of bravery," said Mayor Baker, "would be an excellent means for citizens of Cleveland to show their appreciation for our firemen and police. It is worthy of the most serious consideration."

At council meeting Monday night, Councilman W. L. Wagner, chairman of the council committee on police, will introduce a resolution authorizing Mayor Baker to name a permanent commission of award. The resolution will specify that the commission be composed of the mayor, director of public safety, the United States district judge, president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Chamber of Industry.

Another resolution will be offered, announcing the offer of the three medals by the Bailey Co., and asking that they be accepted by the city.

"Mere mention of acts of bravery is not enough," declared Victor Sincere, manager of the Bailey Co. "Citizens of Cleveland should make known in a substantial way the fact that they honor the men of the fire and police departments who daily risk their lives in the protection of life and property."

The medal offered by the Bailey Co. for firemen is embossed with fire department insignia, encircled with a wreath and surmounted by an eagle. The whole is suspended on two gold chains from a bar, on which the name of the recipient is to be engraved.

The medal for policemen is similar, except that a star inclosing the words, "Juncta Juvant," above the scales of justice, replaces the insignia.

The citizens' medal contains an embossed reproduction of the soldiers and sailors' monument. Each bears the words, "Bailey Medal," and each is set with a large diamond.

It is proposed to make the awards on Cleveland day, July 22, each year.

## PUSHES OLYMPIC PLANS

Mayor's Committee to Report on Games.

Mayor Newton D. Baker announced yesterday he will name a commission of five citizens to report on the feasibility of inaugurating a campaign for the 1916 Olympic games, following a recommendation by the council committee on parks in a recent report to council.

On learning that Mayor Baker is preparing to name the commission, Councilman Townes yesterday stated he would not offer additional legislation if it was not needed at this time.

"Now that it has been definitely decided that the games are not to be held in Berlin in 1916, but in American city will be selected, we should lose no time in making for the games," Mr. Townes said. "Secretary George A. Schneider of the Cleveland Athletic club has been in the city, but he will return tomorrow to ask him to co-operate with me in this matter."

"I am not in favor of holding Olympic games in 1916 because of the war situation," said the mayor.

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## PARTY VOTING IS FAST BECOMING JUDICIAL ISSUE

Mooney Municipal Court Bill Now Expected to Pass House and Senate at Columbus.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Judicial as well as mayoralty politics is gravely concerned with the attempt to amend the charter by abolishing nonpartisan preferential voting.

State Representative Stephen M. Young brought word to the city yesterday that the Mooney municipal court act, which will provide that the election of judges be made in the same manner as provided for city officials, is expected to pass the Senate this week and probably will pass the House.

Under the provisions of the act, no party primaries for the nomination of municipal judges or court clerk would be held unless the charter is amended. Three additional judges are authorized by the bill so that six will be elected this fall if it is adopted. The bill aims to make the term six years and provides that this year three judges and the clerk be elected for six years and three judges for four years. After that all judges would be elected for six years.

New Candidates Appear.

Fresh candidates for judges and clerk are coming out daily in spite of the uncertainty of election methods. Of the present Democratic legislative delegation, it is understood that William Hasselman, Virgil J. Terrell and E. J. Hopple are prospective candidates for judge. Young, whose name has been mentioned, yesterday announced he would not run.

Several new names appeared in the clerkship situation. Friends of George Wallace, who was the last Republican nominee for county clerk, are urging him to run against Peter J. Henry, the present incumbent. John H. Cox's position is still undecided. Patrick Gibbons, former deputy county clerk, is still in the field.

Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke yesterday recommended to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo the appointment of William G. Campbell as deputy collector of customs in charge of the port of Lorain. Campbell is the Lorain manager of the Great Lakes Towing Company. He takes the place of William Honecker, who resigned.

Protected by Civil Service.

Although the Lorain deputyship is in the excepted class from civil service, it was stated yesterday that the deputyships at Ashtabula and Conneaut were in the rigidly protected civil service. There have been applications by Clinton O. Smith, of Ashtabula, and J. F. Lane, of Conneaut, for appointment as deputies in their home towns after a Democrat takes the collectorship.

At first it was said here both men were candidates against Burr Gongwer for the appointment as collector of customs, but word from the men has been received that they want the lesser positions. The present incumbents are John P. Rieg at Conneaut and Levi W. Jarvis at Ashtabula.



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## MUNY LIGHT IS PRAISED IN 'AD' C. E. I. PAYS FOR

Company Publishes Interview  
Assuring Success of City  
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### HANDS SCOVIL HOT SHOT

"He's Peach," Says Tool Man-  
ufacturer, "at Scraping  
Off the Cream."

The Cleveland Illuminating Co. now is paying the bills for muny light advertising, according to Mayor Baker.

Baker Thursday called an Illuminating company ad, published Thursday, the best muny light advertising boost he'd seen, but Baker said he wasn't clever enough to see why the Illuminating company runs it.

Here's the ad, an interview with H. A. Higgins of the Standard Tool Co., which the Illuminating company runs under the caption: "What One Manufacturer Thinks of Illuminating Service":

"We buy Illuminating power for our surplus needs over and above what our plant can produce. We prefer to do this to dismantling and increasing our plant.

"It is also economical to be able to run departments independently, when we want to, without starting up the whole plant.

#### Trouble With Bills.

"Service is very good; no interruption except during the storm last November.

"We have no trouble with the Illuminating company excepting to figure out its bills. A Philadelphia lawyer can't do that. The maximum demand business is inscrutable. It is nothing but sleight of hand. There is no decent reason why we should not buy electric power as we buy gas or water—at so much per unit of measurement.

"Rates will have to come down, both for light and power. The city will see to that, and the municipal plant will do the rest. The Illuminating company has had a snap for a long time, but it won't last.

#### "Scovil a Peach."

"That man Scovil has a head on him. For the lighting company, he is a peach. For years he has been scraping the cream off for them; now there won't be so much to scrape, but he'll scrape what there is.

"The new bunch will want a little, too, even at the lower rates.

"Advantages of your service? Why, you know them better than I do; Illuminating men come out here and talk themselves red in the face about them."

Higgins wore a smile Thursday.

#### May Use Muny Light.

"Illuminating employees asked my opinion on their light Feb. 5," Higgins said. "I purposely took a fall out of them. Muny light's here to stay. The city has a good plant and is getting the business. We may install it in our factory. We've got the matter up with the city now."

"If our competitors get any comfort out of the ad, they are welcome to it," said G. E. Miller, assistant general manager of the Cleveland Illuminating Co., Thursday.

What's the answer?

## BAKER 'GROUP' ARE OUT TO GET VINING'S SCALP

He Fought Murphy and Bulk-  
ley; Will Be Forced Out if  
It's at All Possible.

While applications for the civil service test for Charities Commissioner James B. Vining's \$3,000 job were pouring into civil service quarters from all parts of the country Thursday, city hall officials were predicting pressure will be brought to bear on Welfare Director Cooley to sidetrack Vining unless he heads the eligible list.

Antagonism to Vining has arisen from many quarters, especially Mayor Baker, it was pointed out Thursday. Confirmation of this was seen last week when Howell Wright, City hospital superintendent, in his annual report recommended that Vining be shorn of his authority over the institution. Wright submitted his report to Baker instead of to Vining, thereby digressing from the beaten path, and Baker did not blue-pencil the knock on Vining.

#### He Bucked Bulkley.

Vining's action in being actively interested for Congressman Crosser, who beat former Congressman Bulkley, Baker's pet, to a frazzle, and his decided opposition to W. J. Murphy for the postmastership, first gave rise to unfavorable feeling from "inner circle" Democrats, it is said. Wright is not the only subordinate of Vining who thinks contrariwise to his superior, it is claimed.

Vining admitted Thursday he was aware unfavorable influence is being brought to bear against him, and termed the classified service test a "waste of money."

"In the first place, the commission could have found enough material in Cleveland for the job without opening the test to outsiders," he declared. "Further, a test for this job is bosh. The incoming mayor should not be forced to put up with officials who are of a differing political complexion. He will rid himself of these sooner or later, anyway. I shall take the test and make an effort to stand highest; what happens afterward I will have no control over."

#### Get Many Entries.

William F. Huther, Canton; W. G. Warner, 10608 Everton ave.; A. D. Cuthbertson, parole officer under Vining; Wright and Vining himself already have entered the test, to be given March 25. W. H. Winans, secretary to Cooley, and James Reynolds, Warrensville superintendent under Vining, are expected to enter shortly.

Requests for application blanks also have been received from George B. Mangold, St. Louis; S. D. Watts, Middleton, O.; F. R. Neibel, Minneapolis; E. A. Shelton, Topeka, Kan.; J. F. Marron, Austin, Tex.; J. O. Stutsman, Leeds, Mo.; and A. H. Melville, Madison, Wis.

Miss Myrta Jones, Martin A. Marks, A. D. Baldwin and Thomas Farrell will have charge of the examination, civil service commissioners said on Thursday.

## ILLUMINATING CO. QUIT FIGHT? NO, INDEED NOT

The Illuminating Company Thursday gave Clevelanders, and particularly those connected with the city administration, a chance to wonder, gasp and speculate. Its advertisement in Thursday morning's newspapers was the cause.

Mayor Baker saw in the advertisement a probability that the Illuminating company isn't going to continue its fight against three-cent light and also that the big public service corporation has begun to look through his (Baker's) eyes on the municipal light plant as a real competitor of the private company.

#### But Guesses Were Wrong.

But the mayor's speculation and that of all others who tried to guess "what it all means" was wrong.

In just about two minutes G. E. Miller, head of the Illuminating company's contract department, explained the "mystery ad."

The space was used to print an interview with H. A. Higgins, of the Standard Tool Company, in answer to the question, "What do you think of Illuminating company service?"

Here is the paragraph that excited Mayor Baker:

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Now here's the Illuminating company's explanation of the ad as given by Miller:

"We asked different power users for their opinions of our service. This is one of the replies. We have printed it as such—as the opinion of one of our customers.

#### Will Cut Rates When It Can.

"It has been the policy of the

Illuminating company to reduce its rates whenever it could and continue at a reduced rate to give Illuminating company service. It will continue to reduce rates whenever it can.

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## WERTZ IGNORES BOSSES IN NAMING ASSISTANT

Indications Thursday were that the Gongwer - McDonough - Baker Democratic machine would be ignored by United States District Attorney Wertz in naming his first assistant to succeed Cary Alburn.

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It has been pointed out to the governor that appointment to succeed Mr. Fackler would be a favor for which there would be a real fight, but that the naming of Mr. Ruhl would be satisfactory to all elements of the Republican party here.

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PASTORS STAND FIRM

Federated Churches Continue  
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Ohio movie shows and movie fans are suffering as a result of the state board of censors' squabble in Columbus.

With the board already two days behind in its work, according to W. R. Wilson, one of the two remaining members, letters and telegrams from film exchanges and exhibitors begged Friday for more prompt releases.

The delay, Wilson charges, is due to neglect of duty on the part of Mrs. Maude Murray Miller, his associate censor.

Mrs. Miller, Wilson says, usually works only in the afternoons five days a week, giving her mornings to work on the Columbus Dispatch, while he is on the job six mornings and five afternoons.

The board's report for Wednesday shows 36 reels were viewed and six were ordered cut. In a recent week the board inspected an average of 43 reels a day, and cut or rejected an average of 13. This, it is claimed, indicates the censors have lost both speed and efficiency.

Cleveland exchanges prepared Friday to take legal action against the board if Wilson tries to carry out his threat actually to cut out condemned parts of films instead of letting the film owners make them.

"I have already notified the board that I will not stand for it making cuts," said C. M. Christenson, Cleveland Mutual manager. "Other exchanges will back me."

Mayor Baker, Friday proposed ultimately to substitute local "classification" of films for state censorship. Baker proposes an ordinance to bar children under eighteen from theaters where certain pictures are shown.

"Many pictures entirely proper for adults to see are too stimulating for young minds and imaginations," Baker said.

Federated churches will continue to stand firmly behind the Myers bill, now pending, which is intended to abolish the state censors. This was decided late Thursday, at a meeting of the churches' social betterment committee, at which the chamber of commerce's opposition to the Myers bill was discussed.

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Gov. Willis was known to have Mr. Ruhl in mind for Commissioner Fackler's job when he came to Cleveland last month to speak before the Traffic club. While he was here the Beitler bill was introduced. That ended the possibility for the time, and would have ended it finally had the bill been pushed through.

It has been pointed out to the governor that appointment to succeed Mr. Fackler would be a favor for which there would be a real fight, but that the naming of Mr. Ruhl would be satisfactory to all elements of the Republican party here.

J. Howard Ross, Wooster attorney and chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Wayne county, can be first assistant to United States District Attorney Ed S. Wertz here, if he wants the place, according to statements yesterday.

It is said to be a question whether the Wooster attorney would give up his private practice to accept, however.

W. B. Gongwer, clerk of the board of elections, issued a warning yesterday that all candidates for city offices in the fall elections must have their petitions in the form prescribed by the city charter. Mr. Gongwer has been told that councilmanic contenders in some of the wards are circulating petitions of other form.

Harry L. Vail, former county commissioner, is to address men of the Cleveland Hardware Co. at noon today at the plant at Lakeside-av N. E. and E. 45th-st.

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## MOVIE MEN SAY STATE CENSORS NEGLECT WORK

Exhibitors Charge Internal  
Row Causes Films to be  
Held Up.

PASTORS STAND FIRM

Federated Churches Continue  
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Board.

Ohio movie shows and movie fans are suffering as a result of the state board of censors' squabble in Columbus.

With the board already two days behind in its work, according to W. R. Wilson, one of the two remaining members, letters and telegrams from film exchanges and exhibitors begged Friday for more prompt releases.

The delay, Wilson charges, is due to neglect of duty on the part of Mrs. Maude Murray Miller, his associate censor.

Mrs. Miller, Wilson says, usually works only in the afternoons five days a week, giving her mornings to work on the Columbus Dispatch, while he is on the job six mornings and five afternoons.

The board's report for Wednesday shows 36 reels were viewed and six were ordered cut. In a recent week the board inspected an average of 43 reels a day, and cut or rejected an average of 13. This, it is claimed, indicates the censors have lost both speed and efficiency.

Cleveland exchanges prepared Friday to take legal action against the board if Wilson tries to carry out his threat actually to cut out condemned parts of films instead of letting the film owners make them.

"I have already notified the board that I will not stand for it making cuts," said C. M. Christenson, Cleveland Mutual manager. "Other exchanges will back me."

Mayor Baker, Friday proposed ultimately to substitute local "classification" of films for state censorship. Baker proposes an ordinance to bar children under eighteen from theaters where certain pictures are shown.

"Many pictures entirely proper for adults to see are too stimulating for young minds and imaginations," Baker said.

Federated churches will continue to stand firmly behind the Myers bill, now pending, which is intended to abolish the state censors. This was decided late Thursday, at a meeting of the churches' social betterment committee, at which the chamber of commerce's opposition to the Myers bill was discussed.

Movie exhibitors were preparing Friday to send a delegation headed by S. E. Morris, president of the exhibitors league, to Columbus to work for the Myers bill.



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## BAKER GOES TO BATTLE WITH CHAMBER AGAIN

Mayor Baker and the Chamber of Commerce finance committee were scheduled to clash late Friday in a discussion over the Briggs bill, now before the state legislature, which removes the restrictions imposed by the Longworth law in issuing bonds for the municipal lighting plant. The meeting promised to be similar to the one two years ago, which resulted in Baker withdrawing from the Chamber of Commerce because of its opposition to Baker's plan for floating bonds unreservedly for the lighting plant.

Baker's appearance before the finance committee Friday will be one of his first missionary appearances at the chamber since he resigned.

## MAY START BURTON 'HOME CITY' BOOM

Republicans See Political Interest Shift Here as Senator Returns.

Move for Pomerene for Vice President Planned in Stark County.

Attention will turn to national politics today with the return to his home city of Senator Theodore E. Burton, retiring from congress to loom on the political skyline as a Republican presidential possibility for 1916.

Senator Burton's Republican followers here may or may not take the opportunity of his visit in Cleveland to start a home city boom for him. But Republicans in the old Burton guard will without doubt seize the chance of assuring him of their willingness to line up behind him for another battle.

Not only Republicans, but Democrats of Cleveland are interested in talk of national politics as the week draws to a close.

Democrats here yesterday heard of the plans of Stark county Democrats to welcome Senator Atlee Pomerene home to Canton. In connection with a celebration that is to greet his return, in all likelihood his political friends will launch a boom for him for the Democratic nomination for vice president in 1916.

Senator Pomerene is to reach Canton Monday. A banquet and reception is being arranged by the Stark county Democracy for week after next. Conspicuous among those who will have a hand in the celebration will be Harry H. Weiss, internal revenue collector here, whose home is in Canton.

United States Attorney Ed S. Wertz announced yesterday he probably will make no changes in the personnel of his office for two months. Cary R. Alburn and J. B. Waterworth, first and second assistants, will retain their posts until that time, it is understood. Mr. Wertz would not discuss the possibility of naming as first assistant J. Howard Ross, Wooster attorney and chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Wayne county.

The Eighth Ward Democratic club yesterday announced a list of candidates for county offices in 1916. They are:

For treasurer, Liquor License Commissioner John Krause; sheriff, County Commissioner Joseph Menning; county commissioners, John M. Sulzmann, Tim McDonough, member of the board of elections, and Coroner P. J. Byrne, recorder, James G. Blackstock, court house custodian.

The Socialist Labor party, at its city convention, nominated Richard Koepfel as candidate for mayor. A committee of the party was named to take charge of the work of obtaining the necessary signatures.

## BURTON WILL BE WELCOMED HOME BY CLUB TODAY

Record Crowd Expected at Hollenden Luncheon—Will Be Strictly a Non-Partisan Affair.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Senator Theodore E. Burton will receive his welcome home today at a luncheon in his honor given by the City Club at the Hollenden. He retired from the United States Senate after a lifetime in Congress, March 4.

The welcome will be nonpartisan. At the speakers' table will be Mayor Baker, President Charles F. Thwing, of Western Reserve; President Charles S. Howe, of Case School; Charles F. Brush, H. H. Johnson, Charles E. Adams, W. A. Greenlund and E. M. Baker. E. C. Hopwood, president of the club, will preside, and Judge John H. Clarke will make the principal address. Senator Burton will speak in reply.

Invitations have been generally accepted and a record-breaking crowd is expected. The luncheon will begin at 12:15 o'clock.

Burton will, it is expected, be able to sandwich in some political conferences with his Cleveland friends before and after the luncheon. He will arrive this morning from Chicago. It is expected he will remain in Cleveland over Sunday, going east then in preparation for his sailing on March 20 for South America.

Socialist Out for Mayor.

The central committee of the Socialist Labor party announced yesterday that Richard Koepfel has been nominated as its candidate for mayor. The committee will circulate petitions to put his name on the ballot.

Members of the Cuyahoga county legislative delegation will hold a public hearing on the screen coal bill in the city council chamber at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The representatives of the United Mine Workers of America will present their case. Among the mine union representatives who are scheduled to talk are Secretary William Green, of the international union, and Percy Tetlow. The union officials oppose the adoption of the proposed amendment to the mining law which would permit freedom of contract between operators and miners, as to the method of paying for coal mined.

No part in straightening out Democratic councilmanic political rows will be taken by Peter Witt, who has been indorsed as the Democratic organization's candidate for mayor. Witt made the announcement yesterday.

Leonard Falarski yesterday announced his candidacy for the council in the Fourteenth ward and circulation of cards bearing his name was begun. Falarski is a Republican and is a candidate against Councilman Joseph Siedz. A rumor was in circulation yesterday that Charles Kus, the Democratic ward leader in the Fourteenth, might decide to run him-

self. It was said that he would have run last time had members of the ward organization not told him his turn would come in 1915, if he would not run against Joseph Pelcinski, now appraiser of merchandise in the custom house, in 1913.

William Schaefer has been mentioned as a Republican candidate in the Twenty-sixth ward.

To Wait for One Candidate.

The Cleveland Republican Club, which draws its membership largely from the Second and Fifth wards, last night went on record as opposed to the indorsement of any Republican candidate for any office with more than one Republican in the field.

This action followed the decision of the Tenth Ward Republican Club, a week ago, to wait before indorsing any mayoralty candidate until but one Republican was running.

Lakewood Democrats yesterday started a boom for William A. Greenlund, who was defeated on the Democratic ticket for election as lieutenant governor last fall, to run for mayor against Mayor Clayton W. Tyler, Republican. Tyler has announced his candidacy to succeed himself.

## BILL AIDS BUYING ILLUMINATING CO.

Baker Tells Chamber Committee  
Briggs Measure Will Facilitate  
City Ownership.

Mayor Baker told the city finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday that one of the underlying purposes of the Briggs bill is to facilitate the purchase of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. During the hearing it was suggested that city light bonds should not have extra long terms because wireless lighting might do away with present electrical methods.

W. G. Dietz, of the Chamber of Commerce committee, said the light bonds should not have too long a term. He spoke of the almost total extinction of value of city gas bonds under electric competition and said something similar might cut the value of electric bonds.

"Yes, I appreciate that," Baker returned. "The possibility of wireless illumination is quite within reason."

The committee called Baker before it to explain the Briggs bill, which exempts city lighting bonds from bond limitations, and which he is fathering before the legislature. After quizzing Baker for some time, Chairman A. T. Hills appointed a subcommittee consisting of Theodore M. Bates, W. G. Dietz and Homer McDaniel to consider the bill.

"I have always believed the city will ultimately take over the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company," Baker said. "Of course, if this is done it will be by vote of the people and the terms will have to be worked out in a manner that is satisfactory both to the public and the company."

"It ought to be financed as simply as possible and the object of the Briggs bill is to facilitate that project. I mean that the amount of bonds will be determined by all of the facts relating to the value of each of these institutions, the privately owned company and the city plant."



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## CITY HALL IS IN REBELLION OVER BLACK TRANSFER

**Alber, Now Park Head, Declares He Must Retain Recreation Work Control.**

"The work of the park department cannot be carried out expeditiously without some one in complete control," Alber said. "The work of the recreation division must dovetail with that of the other bureaus under me, and that will be impossible if Black has authority equal to mine. Further, there should not be two separate sets of bookkeeping. My understanding has been that Black will work with me, but at the same time under me."

Black insists he must have the supervision of park sports, music and recreation features, and declared his division cannot be swallowed in Alber's because the charter calls for a separate recreation division.

### Black Wants to Be Boss.

"I want to be my own boss," he insisted. "Of course, I am limited by the facilities Alber places at my disposal. But whether there is to be a band concert in this park or so many games on this baseball diamond must be up to me to say. I believe Alber is jumping at conclusions too quickly; he and I can work together harmoniously."

McGinty, in declaring he prefers remaining under Alber's supervision, called attention to the fact councilmen first must agree to the transfer, and that further that all funds for park sports have been credited to him by council in the 1915 appropriation.

Park Commissioner Alber and Sport Supervisor McGinty, in rebelling Monday against the transfer of Recreation Commissioner Black to the service department with authority equal to Alber's, fired the first gun of what city hall folk claim displays all the earmarks of the most bitter council-administration fight in years.

Alber declares the best interests of the parks and playgrounds demand he have control over Black and recreational work. Black insisted Monday his division and authority must remain intact, and intimated he will not stay with the city if forced to relinquish his power. McGinty says he will stick with Alber and carry his fight direct to council.

### Stockwell Prepares Ordinance.

Meanwhile, with Mayor Baker in Chicago, Law Director Stockwell Monday prepared the measure transferring Black from Welfare Director Cooley's department to Service Director Sidlo's. The measure probably will go to council Monday night. Although the wording of the measure will not be such as to declare flatly that Black's division is to be separate, both Black and Stockwell said Baker informed them Black was to have equal power with Alber.

A majority of councilmen indicated Monday they will side with Alber against Black. They recalled the opposition to Black's hiring when urged repeatedly by Cooley and Baker.

According to Black, just before leaving for Chicago Baker assured him he will have a separate division under Sidlo, and will have complete charge of all park sports, music, recreational features, in addition to bathhouses as social centers and dance halls.

## PLAY AND PARK WORK CAUSES 'NOTHER ROW

Mayor Baker's proposal to transfer Recreation Commissioner Black from the welfare to public service department Monday involved Black in a squabble with Park Superintendent Alber.

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"Nothing of the kind," Black said. "We'll simply divide up the work and all will go smooth."

Meanwhile Mayor Baker, who was to prepare legislation authorizing the change, was in Chicago Monday. Councilmen said it was improbable any ordinance effecting the transfer would be introduced before next week.

## WITT TO ASK COUNCIL AID STREET CAR MEN

Tractioner Witt will ask city council Monday night to grant the request of President Stanley of the Concon to raise the operating allowance of the company for one day sufficiently to provide a fund of \$3000 to be turned over to the street car employees' mutual benefit association.

Stanley, in his letter to Witt, says the company gave the association \$2000 annually for years, but that the Taylor grant prohibits such a contribution. He says the association is in need of the money.

## SUSTAINS MAYOR'S SERVICE QUIZ VETO

**Council Upholds Baker, but Will Get Information by New Process.**

**Car Company Plans to Raise \$3,000 to Aid Its Employees.**

By a vote of twenty-four to one, council last night sustained Mayor Baker's veto of the Horrigan resolution, authorizing appointment of a special committee to conduct a probe of the civil service method of conducting examinations, but proceeded at the same time to obtain the information that it is seeking through a different process.

Before the vote on the old resolution was called for, a new resolution was offered by Councilman Horrigan, merely requesting the civil service commission to submit a report to council showing the method that it uses.

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. Councilman Horrigan claims the commission has no right to delegate its authority to citizen's committee. The mayor vetoed the first resolution on the grounds that council has no authority under the city charter to investigate a matter that is not within its jurisdiction as a legislative body.

An ordinance transferring the division of recreation from the department of public welfare to the department of public service was introduced by Mayor Baker. The mayor's ordinance gives Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black authority equal to that of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber. The ordinance was referred to council committees on parks and finance.

At the request of President J. J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co., Chairman Robert Koch of council committee on street railways offered a resolution, permitting the company to raise its operating allowance for a single day in order to provide a fund of \$3,000 for the Street Car Employees' Mutual Benefit association. Prior to the passage of the Taylor grant, the company contributed to the fund annually.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of fifty new cars at a cost of \$300,000 was adopted and a resolution eliminating the part of the present Fulton-rd street car route was received and referred. Under the proposed scheme, all Fulton cars will proceed westerly in Denison-av S. W. after leaving Fulton-rd S. W. and all of the Harvard cars will proceed as far westerly in Denison-av as the Fulton-rd intersection. Council approved the lease of the old St. Clair-av N. E. car barn property.

Other features of the meeting were: Ordinance passed authorizing the

letting of first contracts on Union-av S. E. grade crossing elimination.

Ordinances received strengthening authority of city sealer in regulating weight of bread and coal.

Ordinance received regulating make and size of garbage and ash receptacles used by householders.

## WE'RE STRAP HANGERS BY NATURE, SAYS BAKER

**'When There's 3-Cent Fare Jitney Bus Will Fail,' Says Cleveland Mayor in Chicago Talk.**

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"Municipal ownership is not a philosophy—it is an expedient. If the people want it and understand it, it is a good thing, but it cannot be treated as a momentary whim."

"The real solution of the city transportation problem is for each one to acquire a pair of 'wishing shoes,' which would land us wherever we wanted to go."

Newton D. Baker, mayor Cleveland, authority of city transportation and moving spirit in Cleveland's recent traffic history, today offered the above hints toward solving the how-to-get-around-in-a-big-city puzzle. Mr. Baker spent the day in Chicago as a guest of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, of which body he was formerly national president.

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This strip would be necessary to connect Wards 13 and 9, to make the territory of the district contiguous, as required by the constitution.

At present the twenty-first includes Wards 5 and 6 on the West Side. It would not extend west of the river under the new plan.

The twenty-second district, under the plan, would stretch from the eastern city limits of Cleveland west through the core of the city's East Side, like a thick arm. It would reach as far west as E. 9th-st., the section of E. 9th-st between Central and S. E. and Parkman-ct S. E.auga county is now a part of the twenty-second. It would be dropped by the Republicans.

Medina county, which the Republicans would add to the twentieth district, is now in the fourteenth. Lakewood is part of the present twenty-second.

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Cleveland's municipal orchestra will be put on a footing comparable with the Boston, New York and Chicago symphonies, backed financially and morally by every Cleveland musical association and artist of note by means of guarantors, and list in its personnel the best musical talent of the city if the city will adopt the plan the musicians advanced Wednesday.

With the plan, which calls for raising approximately \$30,000 by guarantors, are these two provisos:

That control of the orchestra be vested in a board of directors, with guarantors in the majority.

That Herr Christiaan Timmner, recently "whitewashed" after hearing on charges of having used his official capacity for personal gain, be supplanted by a director who will restore harmony and enlist the active support of Cleveland musicians of stability and reputation.

**Asks Public Hearing.**

Monday night Councilman Townes, acting for the various musical organizations and musicians behind the scheme, will introduce a resolution asking that musicians be requested to attend a public hearing at which the plan can be discussed and gone into more fully, in view of the fact Mayor Baker's and Recreation Commissioner Black's exoneration of Timmner has served only to fan the Timmner-musicians' row to greater flame. Townes would have the hearing conducted by a city official instead of a council committee to expedite a start on the 1915-1916 season.

"A thorough study of the operation and finances of the orchestra and conferences with musicians has convinced me the orchestra cannot be placed on a scale comparable to other cities until the management, policies and leadership are changed," Townes said Wednesday. "Musicians have submitted to me a plan of guarantors, by which the best in music will be given Clevelanders with a minimum outlay by the city itself. It has been suggested tentatively that \$30,000 be raised by guarantors, to which the city should add about \$10,000. If three-quarters of the money needed is provided from pri-

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**A Losing Game.**

Townes, in probing the orchestra's finances for the recently ended disastrous season, learned that while the average seat sale was only \$375, the cost of rehearsals alone averaged close to \$600. While Baker and Black in a statement said the cost of the symphony per person attending was only thirty-nine cents, he claimed the cost was nearer seventy-seven cents. The class of patrons could well afford to pay higher prices than charged in the past, Townes said, but if the guarantors' plan is accepted by Baker and Black seat prices will remain the same.

"Investigation of the music library collected by the city at a cost of \$2,500, reveals an utter lack of consideration for the orchestra's capacity," Townes said. "For instance, musicians tell me the city has purchased nine symphonies of Beethoven. To date the orchestra has played only one or two movements from the simplest; at its present rate of development it will be five or four years before it can attempt the more difficult. An ample library could have been purchased for \$500."

Musicians, it developed Wednesday, have heard Baker and Black plan to ask \$40,000 for the orchestra next fall and are preparing to fight against such a large appropriation from tax money.

**See Permanent Orchestra.**

The foundation of a permanent orchestra will be laid if the city accepts the scheme of guarantors, they claim, without such an outlay from the city direct. The idea of a small orchestra playing in different social centers can be carried out by the Cleveland Music School settlement, musicians maintain.

A canvass of practically every musical association in Cleveland has revealed the fact they are willing to band together, enroll their best talent in the orchestra and set about to raise the \$30,000 proposed, it is said.

"Plainly, reuniting Cleveland musicians back of a permanent symphony rests entirely with city officials," Townes declared. "With a new director acceptable to all, ample funds, with little expense to the city itself, and no friction, Cleveland can have an orchestra the equal of any in the country."

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**PLANS SHAKEUP  
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**Timmner May Lose Job Under Townes Scheme.**

Councilman Townes Monday night will introduce in council a resolution calling for a newscheme for operating the muny orchestra that probably will mean the retirement of Herr Christiaan Timmner as director.

Under the Townes resolution the city will be asked to appropriate annually a sum of \$10,000 to establish a muny orchestra, providing that a like amount is raised by private subscription.

The management of the orchestra would be under a board of five governors, two representing the city and three Cleveland musicians and private subscribers.

This board would employ a director for each muny concert at a cost of not more than \$100 per concert. Director Timmner now gets \$3000 a year, and as only 16 concerts were given last season the city may save \$1400 under the proposed plan.

Townes says he formulated his scheme on the advice of prominent Cleveland musicians and music lovers.

"Everybody wants the muny orchestra managed differently and the change should be made for the financial benefit of the city as well as those who go to the concerts," said Townes.

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**CHARTER RIGHT  
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**Two Injunctions Block Laying  
Street Car Tracks in Euclid Ave. Against  
Residents' Consent.**

Opening of Euclid ave., between E. 22d st. and E. 40th st., to the Cleveland Railway Company's tracks, without consent of property owners, who have fought the move for years, will follow dissolution of a temporary injunction granted yesterday against the company to the Brookside Sausage Company, 3728 Fulton rd.

In the injunction, which restrains the company from laying tracks on Archwood ave., pursuant to its plans for making a loop at the Denison ave. entrance to Brookside Park, is involved the principle of the company's right to lay tracks without consent. This is provided for in the new city charter, and should the injunction be made permanent, this provision of the charter will be made nugatory.

Certain powers granted municipalities by the home rule amendment also will be tested by the injunction suit. A hearing will be had on it before Judge Pearson, in common pleas court this week. Pearson granted the temporary injunction to the sausage company.

The injunction is identical almost with one granted Emil Goebel, a meat dealer at 3718 Fulton ave., last August and which has been pending since.

Hearing on the Goebel injunction will be had Monday, at which time a hot fight to dissolve it will be made by attorneys for the railway company. Mayor Baker and Street Railway Commissioner Witt side with the company on this. Baker, chiefly for his belief in the soundness of the charter provision; Witt, through his desire to see the proposed loop completed.

Mayor Baker declined to commit himself on the probability of Euclid ave. being opened, in event the injunction is removed.

Decision in the company's favor of the injunction obtained by the Brookside Company probably would furnish the precedent necessary to go ahead with tracks in Euclid ave., or, on the other hand, to knock out the charter provision.

**Case Decides Course.**

"Our course out Euclid ave. depends largely on this case," admitted President Stanley, of the railway company. "We look to it to test this charter provision."

The loop the company plans would be from Fulton into Archwood street by private right-of-way to E. 11th st. and Denison ave., to Fulton ave. The Brookside firm opposes tracks on Archwood ave. on the ground that the loop is too narrow for wagons to drive safely if used by street cars.

Mrs. Eliza Lange, owner of adjoining property, is a party plaintiff in the case, on the ground that the tracks on Archwood ave. would depreciate the value of her holdings.

**Origin of Suit.**

The injunction followed a movement begun by Councilman Townes and sixth ward women to stop Alderman Koch, chairman of the council street railway committee, from bringing about a change of schedule that would discontinue service in E. Denison ave., substituting the Denison-Harvard cross-town line, and thus making it cost an extra cent for E. Denison patrons to reach the Public Square.

Impetus was given to the movement yesterday, when Karl F. Snow and Mrs. Snow, 3889 W. 33d st., announced their intention to enter the fight against the change. They were the instigators of the recent action concerning the W. 14th st. and will assist Townes in the up sentiment for the protest he intends to call.



# EFFORTS TO SELL MORE CITY ISSUES MAY BE FRUITLESS

Cleveland, New York and Cincinnati bond houses, it developed Thursday, have served final notice on Mayor Baker, Law Director Stockwell and Finance Director Coughlin that the city has reached the end of its rope in issuing bonds with utter disregard for sinking fund

charges. Future efforts of the city to float its issues in all likelihood will be fruitless, due to the depleted condition of the sinking fund and the moot point whether sinking fund assets are exempt from the tax limitation.

That the city finished just under the wire in being able to dispose of \$3,845,000 worth of waterworks, municipal light, intercepting sewer and street improvement bonds, offered for sale a week ago Monday, but accepted only Wednesday night, was admitted by officials Thursday. The sale of these issues brings the city's bonded indebtedness up to \$52,979,888 and the annual sinking fund charges close to \$1,750,000.

## May Affect Note Sale.

Whether the hostile attitude of bond houses will affect the sale of some \$925,000 worth of short-time emergency notes which must be issued about May 1 to meet Cleveland's 1915 operating deficit, city officials couldn't say Thursday. While not hinging on the disputed point as to sinking fund charges, the emergency notes—in reality money borrowed in anticipation of the city's 1916 revenue—may be difficult to sell in view of the present controversy. Emergency notes issued to meet the 1914 deficit, totaling \$765,000, fall due April 1.

For ten days prior to the acceptance of the \$3,845,000 bonds by the high bidders, Stockwell, Baker, Coughlin and attorneys for the bond houses dickered over the construction to be placed on a recent decision of Appellate Judge Walter D. Meals, who, in substance, ruled that sinking fund charges dare not be increased until actual operating expenses of a municipality first have been met, according to Stockwell. Although finally convinced the charges on the \$3,845,000 bonds can be met, they learned the condition of the city's finances is such that any further issues will bring the city's finances to the bursting point.

## Baker Signs Bonds Late at Night.

"Our contention is that sinking fund assets are beyond tax limitations," declared Coughlin Thursday. "If upheld, we have a leeway of \$1,500,000 in floating issues. If our contention is not well grounded, the margin of issuing more bonds is only several hundred thousand."

How Baker and Coughlin stayed at city hall until 10:30 Wednesday night signing municipal light and waterworks bonds to prevent Lighting Commissioner Ballard and Water Commissioner Schulz from having to lay off close to 1,000 employees, and then resumed their pen efforts shortly after 7 a. m. Thursday may go down in Cleveland's history as the mate of the nightshirt conference of French generals in the battle of the Marne. The light department's finances were at the zero mark, it is admitted, and work of laying conduits in upper Euclid ave. and eastern St. Clair ave. would have been stopped.

# CITY'S BAD STREETS RAISE LIVING COST, MAYOR BAKER SAYS

Householders are paying higher living prices because of Cleveland's poor pavements.

Mayor Baker made this statement yesterday in meeting objections of Scranton rd. property owners, who opposed the repaving of that street next year. Baker said it was only recently he had fully realized the value of good pavements, and that few people had any real appreciation of the subject.

"Good paving decreases the cost of living," the mayor said, and he added that an investigation to determine just what it cost to deliver a parcel over Cleveland streets would prove interesting.

"I was recently told by a big merchant that it costs three cents for every package delivered," said Baker. "The figure is amazing. Paving that will permit greater speed and will reduce the wear and tear on vehi-

cles will aid in reducing living costs."

Miles and miles of smooth streets had impressed him greatly during a recent visit to Chicago, the mayor said.

Baker came out firmly against paving streets with asphalt. "It is a futile thing to do," he said. "Asphalt pavement has only one virtue. That is its smoothness in good weather."

The board of revision of assessments voted to defer the paving of Scranton rd. between Paraffine and Clark aves. for one year. Property owners in the section between Clark ave. and W. 25th st. were undecided as to whether the street should be resurfaced with asphalt or repaved with brick.

They will hold a meeting and report at the next meeting of the board. Street Railway Commissioner Witt will also be asked if cars to South Brooklyn will later be operated over Scranton rd.

# COUNCILMEN TO URGE PASSAGE OF HARBOR BILL

Municipal development of Cleveland's lake front hinges on the passage of the Merkle bill giving lake cities the title to submerged land. Councilman McGinty will tell a legislative committee in Columbus, Tuesday.

McGinty, with Councilman Reynolds and City Clerk Collins, will appear before the committee in support of the bill, which was drafted by the city law department. The act is designed to prevent private riparian owners from filling into the lake, but allows municipalities to make extensive fills and establish docks.

Engineers representing O. C. Barber, Barberton manufacturer, who wants to construct terminals and docks at the foot of E. 55th st., told Director of Public Service Sidlo that work will start this summer, if the city approves the plan. Barber's plan of development calls for a subway in E. 55th st. to connect with railroads in the upper Cuyahoga river valley. The city council will be asked to pass a franchise ordinance, after detailed plans of the subway have been passed on by City Engineer Hoffmann.

# RENTAL DEMAND HALTS TRANSFER OF CANAL LAND

Negotiations between the city and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for transferring the Cleveland Terminal & Valley railway's lease of Ohio canal property were halted yesterday when Councilman McGinty demanded payment of rental for docks formerly leased to the Terminal & Valley Company.

McGinty presented statements from City Engineer Hoffman showing that the railroad had failed to pay two years' rental of docks located at the foot of Superior ave. This amounted to \$2,196. Attorney C. H. Gale, representing the railroads, said that rent charges were waived when the B. & O exercised an option and purchased the property for \$18,500 in 1901. Gale said that the transaction was made during the closing days of Mayor Farley's administration and ratified by Mayor Johnson's administration. He declared that it was a clerical error if city records still showed the rent unpaid.

The Baltimore & Ohio has taken over the holdings of the other railroad and has asked the council to approve a transfer of the lease of canal property, on which the Baltimore & Ohio operated within the city limits.

Attorney Gale, in response to questionings by Councilman Votava, said that he did not know whether the Baltimore & Ohio planned to join with the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad in constructing a union depot near Ontario st. and Prospect ave.



# ROAD CAN'T PUSH CROSSING PROJECT

## Passenger Men Seek Names for Fare Boost Petitions —News of Rails.

908 American Trust bldg. Main 1545.  
 THOMAS F. BALLARD, downtown leases  
 WE buy, sell, trade real estate, write fire  
 insurance, McKenna Bros., 1865 E. 66th.  
 PALMER & CO., 261 Arcade, leading realty  
 and exchange brokers for 20 years.

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## 'GET PLANS FIRST, THEN WE CAN TALK'

That's Mayor's Reply to Gen.  
Coxey, Seeking Working-  
men's Municipal Hotel.

Lodging House Man Says  
Building Would Cost Less  
Than \$100,000.

General John Jacob Coxey of Massillon and John Kelley, Prospect-av N. W. restaurant proprietor, were told by Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday he would not consider the establishment of a workingmen's home large enough to care for 2,500 men until a definite scheme was laid before him.

"I am afraid you are dreaming about this workingmen's hotel," said the mayor yesterday. "Get a definite plan and an estimate of the cost. I like your sentiment about it but let's get practical."

Mr. Coxey explained Mr. Kelley had been successful in running a low priced restaurant and lodging house for seventy-five people and suggested the mayor visit the restaurant some night.

Mr. Kelley contended the building would cost less than \$100,000 and suggested that the city donate six acres of land. He would equip the building with reading and club room facilities. It would also contain an employment bureau.

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## MAYORALTY MOVES UNDER THE SURFACE NOW BEING WATCHED

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Politicians last night were giving serious consideration to several mayoralty situations that have been growing up underneath the surface politics that has been played this winter. Manifestations of organized movements to bring out Samuel H. Holding, William L. David and Judge Walter D. Meals as candidates have occasionally appeared in the private talk of the political leaders.

These movements all seem alike in that the men named have not avowed themselves in any way as possible candidates, and in the fact that all of the talk for them is predicated upon a statement that only in the event favorable conditions developed would the candidate be brought forward.

Holding Opposes Witt.

Holding has been urged by his friends to run. He is a conservative Democrat and is opposed to Peter Witt. The movement for him seems to be to bring him out as a candidate independent of party organizations.

Several meetings have been held by Republican workers in the interest of David. He is an attorney, and has not been in active politics here.

The outward mayoralty situation seemed unchanged yesterday, with Peter Witt, Democrat, and Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, Republicans, the candidates in the field. John A. Cline is considering becoming a candidate, but he is not yet decided, his friends say. Efforts are now being made by friends of Davis to "pull off" politicians who are for Norton, and vice versa.

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Congressman Henry I. Emerson predicted a Republican victory in 1916, in an address before the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, in the club's wigwam at E. 88th pl. and Hough ave.

Will Remember Wilson's Failure.

"Wilson promised prosperity, good times and the reduction of the high cost of living," Emerson said. "The

people will remember his failure to keep his promises."

Friends of R. S. Taylor, a Republican, who lives at 9306 Kinsman rd., are urging him to become a candidate for council in the Sixteenth ward. The present councilman, William Tack, has been indorsed for re-election by Ward Leader Thomas Murray and the Democratic organization of the ward.

## NICKEL PLATE'S GRADE CROSSING DELAY IS SCORED

Chamber of Industry Insists  
Work Commence at Fulton  
Rd. and Detroit Ave.,  
Authorized in 1910.

COMPANY HAS NO FUNDS,  
PRESIDENT TELLS MAYOR

Says Railroad Cannot Market  
Securities; Refuses City's  
Offer of Advance.

Nickel Plate grade crossings between Fulton rd. and Detroit ave. are to continue, although bonds to pay the city's portion of the cost of elimination were voted in 1910.

Refusal of the railroad to enter into the proposed agreement whereby the work was to start with funds advanced by the city is responsible for the latest delay. Action of the company may involve it in a legal controversy with the city, as West Side business organizations are opposing further delay.

W. H. Canniff, president of the railroad, told Mayor Baker yesterday that the company would find it impossible to market its securities at this time and could not go ahead with the elimination work. He will send a communication to the city council refusing to accept an ordinance providing for a start of work, under an agreement whereby the city was to advance its share of 35 per cent of the cost. Engineer's estimate place the total cost of the elimination work at \$2,000,000. The railroad was to be billed for its portion out of the city funds used in starting the project, under the arrangement made several weeks ago.

Start of work on the grade crossing project was delayed for years by protests of property owners on streets dead-ended by the elimination of the crossings. Legislation for the starting of the work was passed after the Chamber of Industry and other West Side civic organizations had demanded that the work be started. "I don't see how the railroad can get out of eliminating the crossings," said A. E. Hyre, secretary of the Chamber of Industry, last night. "State laws make it obligatory on the railroads to act, when ready to pay their share of the cost. The city should not stand more delay."

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Nickel Plate Tells City It  
Lacks Money for West  
Side Street Work.

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City officials yesterday saw new delays in store for the long pending Nickel Plate grade crossing project on the West Side when word was received from President W. H. Canniff of the Nickel Plate, that the board of directors at a recent meeting in New York had voiced the opinion that the company could not begin work on this \$2,500,000 undertaking at this time.

A letter bearing this information will reach the city council next Monday evening. It was claimed by city officials yesterday that the council is in a position to force the company to start work because of a law which requires a railroad to proceed with a grade crossing elimination when a city is ready with its share of the funds.

The city has had its share of the cost in city depositories since the fall of 1910 and thousands of dollars in interest have been lost because of the long delay, officials said. A part of the delay is attributed to the fact that citizens living near the railroad objected to the city's original plans.

Council at a recent meeting offered to use funds that the city has in hand to defray the railroad's share until such time as the railroad can reimburse the city. The board of directors of the railroad claims that the earnings of the railroad during the past year have not warranted a start on so large a project. If there is continued delay East Side councilmen say they may attempt to obtain the money for East Side grade crossing work.

Gather Fare Boost Signatures.

Armed with long sheets of paper, fountain pens and indelible pencils, passenger men of various positions have left their desks and are campaigning through Cleveland for signatures to petitions asking the legislature to pass the Thatcher bill, which would allow intrastate fares to be raised to 21-2 cents a mile.

Public sentiment in Cleveland is reported by the campaigners as leaning favorably toward the railroads' plea, although refusals to sign the petitions are met. Traveling salesmen so far have provided most opposition to the fare boost.

The railroads' committee, headed by W. H. Fisher of Columbus, general passenger agent of the Hocking Valley, announced yesterday that petitions bearing more than 20,000 signatures of people in every section of Ohio had been received by legislators in the preceding two days. Additional petitions, with a daily average of 1,000 signatures, were claimed to be arriving by every mail. More than 200 cities and towns are said to be represented in lists already received.

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Increased Railway Improve-  
ments Under Tayler  
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More street railway improvements have been made in the past three years than in any ten or fifteen years in the history of the Cleveland Railway Co., and they are more than would have been made had the company operated entirely as a private corporation, Peter Witt said before the City club yesterday noon.

In an address, which he concluded with an attack on Dan R. Hanna, who he asserted had opposed everything ever originated in the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Witt laid down the principle that there must be absolute harmony between the company and the street railway commissioner.

He declared he had tried to keep the street railway situation out of politics, and that in the three years of his service as commissioner he had received the co-operation of Mayor Newton D. Baker, the public of Cleveland and the railway company.

"We've pleased everybody in Cleveland except Dan Hanna," he continued.

"Ever since I've been in office Dan Hanna, in his madness for political

power in this community, has tried to prevent its success. The Leader and News have condemned everything that ever came out of my office.

"He's foolish to think he can have the same power his father had. Conditions have changed. The train on which his father rode passed the station many years ago. Dan is looking for the headlight, and he will never even see the tail-light. The only thing I protest, and I think you should protest, is this:

"We in Cleveland know better, but his sheet goes outside the city. We've tried to build up, and here's a man who has done nothing for the community trying to tear down."

Mr. Witt quoted from newspaper clippings in three voluminous scrap-books as he assailed Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Witt's subject was "Five Years of 3-Cent Fare," and the meeting was in the nature of a celebration of the fifth birthday of the Tayler ordinance, which took effect March 1, 1910. A luncheon preceded the program, given in the City club rooms at 242 Superior-av N. E. Henry J. Davies, secretary of the Cleveland Railway Co., presided. He presented the street railway commissioner in a speech so filled with quiet humor that the guests were roaring through nearly all of it.

President John J. Stanley of the railway company and Attorney Harry Crawford of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, counsellors of the company, sat side by side at one end of the room. Mr. Davies spoke of conferences between "Peter, and John, two good old New Testament names." He said when their conferences became too loud he sometimes stepped in and read from "the gospel according to Saint Robert W. Tayler, the first verse of the eleventh chapter, which has to do with arbitration." "Sometimes," he continued, "Peter and John awaken Grandma Leader, and when that happens she sends down her grandson, Harry Crawford, to see what can be done."

"I want to tell you two boys over there," he said, waving his hand toward Mr. Stanley and Mr. Crawford as he introduced Mr. Witt, "that no matter what Peter says, just grin and bear it. You mustn't butt in, or I won't bring you again."

Mr. Witt said his story would be

in the nature of a confession, and would be related just as it had unraveled itself.

"After the nine years of bitter struggle," he said, "we found ourselves in federal court. To me it has always seemed inexplicable, in line with the blunders of the Cleveland Railway Co. during the fight. It was the last court into which they should have dragged us. For the man on the bench was wise as well as honest."

The commissioner spoke of Judge Tayler's idea that the people should control the street railway service. He read from a speech delivered by Judge Tayler before the Chamber of Commerce ten days after the ordinance took effect. If Judge Tayler were alive today, he asserted, he could not better describe the way the situation has developed than he did in that speech "as though by prophetic vision."

Mr. Witt said he would refrain from speaking of the twenty-two months in which his predecessor, G. M. Dahl, was commissioner. He spoke of conditions as they were when Mayor Baker took office, and declared

if any credit was due him, it was because of the manner in which his office had had the co-operation of the mayor and the Cleveland Railway Co.

"In every proposal I've put in, Mayor Baker has stood by me," he said, "and every order I've issued, except the first and very important one, has been carried out by the Cleveland Railway Co."

"When I was appointed, I called on John Stanley. I said 'Every man who has ever touched this thing has been killed, and I want to serve notice I'm not going to Mayor Baker's funeral.' In going in, I made up my mind I would not step one one-hundredth of an inch over the line into the territory that belonged to John Stanley, and that I would not let him come one one-thousandth of an inch over the line into the province that belonged to me."

Mr. Witt said he never flaunted the power of the city in the face of the company, studying every order to make it as little irksome as possible. He said his plan of eliminating 47 per cent. of the car stops was the one in which he did not have the co-operation of Mr. Stanley, and he declared if the arbitration that followed the award had been against the city, the Tayler ordinance would have gone "on the scrap heap." For, he pointed out, the point was the vital question of the city's control over service.

Of all extensions that have been made, Mr. Witt said the city had proposed every one, save the purchase of 200 cars.

He said a serious problem would arise if there went into office a mayor of one political complexion and a council of another, for council has the real power in street railway matters, he said. He expressed opposition to this plan.

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Street Railway Commissioner  
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Only the hearty co-operation of the railway company has made possible successful operation of the system under the Tayler grant, which provides for municipal supervision, he said. His subject was "Five Years of Operation Under the Tayler Grant." "In the five years we have succeeded in pleasing everyone except D. R. Hanna," said Witt in closing. H. L. Davies, secretary and treasurer of the company, presided.



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### SAY MEASURE AIMS TO INFLUENCE DECISION

United States Engineer to Ap-  
pear at Hearing Before In-  
surance Committee; Will  
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Mayor Baker and his delegation of city hall cohorts will meet serious opposition Tuesday in Columbus when they appear before the house insurance committee to urge the passage of the Merkle bill, transferring from the state to the city rights to submerge waterfront lands and deprive riparian rights holders of their privileges. Charges that the bill was written by Baker and introduced by Merkle as his agent, were being made Monday.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce river and harbor improvements committee will meet late Monday to arrange to send a delegation to Columbus to oppose the bill. It was indicated that charges were to be made at the meeting that the bill was framed by Baker to influence the decision of the Ohio supreme court, which now has before it for decision an action which will decide the rights of riparian owners and say whether the state has the right to the submerged lands along the waterfront.

#### Major Bond Won't Favor Bill.

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Civic and legislative committees of four big organizations will meet this week to consider the Willis administration's plan further to cripple the state utilities commission.

Mayor Baker Monday branded as "a public scandal the legislature's firing of utilities commission employees when Ohio should be hiring men for this work."

Upon physical valuation work, which is the duty of the force being reduced, depends Cleveland's fight against the Illuminating company for 3-cent light.

"The only hope of the people against excessive rates lies in this utilities commission, which is a weak thing at best," said Baker.

Mrs. E. H. Chapman, 1951 E. 66th-st, Monday was chosen to head a special committee of the woman's federation to take up the matter. Chamber of commerce, federation of labor and the West-side chamber of industry also were investigating.

Heavy honeycomb style in a  
single-bed size takes this price  
beginning Tuesday. Formerly  
\$1.25.  
Attractive designs, hemmed  
ends.  
Sheets less  
Heavy muslin with plain  
hems. Why not restock when  
good qualities are selling so  
reasonably?  
58c each, regularly 70c—81 x  
45c each, regularly 60c—72 x  
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Members of the Chamber of Commerce river and harbor improvements committee will meet late Monday to arrange to send a delegation to Columbus to oppose the bill. It was indicated that charges were to be made at the meeting that the bill was framed by Baker to influence the decision of the Ohio supreme court, which now has before it for decision an action which will decide the rights of riparian owners and say whether the state has the right to the submerged lands along the waterfront.

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No one was able Monday to explain why a law that will decide the ownership of Cleveland's waterfront should be considered by the House insurance committee. It was intimated that the reason the bill was not before the judiciary committee was another of Baker's attempts to get favorable consideration before a committee he was sure of.

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Upon physical valuation work, which is the duty of the force being reduced, depends Cleveland's fight against the Illuminating company for 3-cent light.

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Two events in the next fortnight will ripple the stagnant sea into which mayoralty politics have drifted recently.

One, the meeting of the League of Republican Clubs Tuesday, bids fair to be another act in the indorsement fracas that has been staged by followers and opponents of Harry L. Davis, one of the prospective mayoralty candidates. The other, a meeting at 737 Prospect ave. today, will be the first clash between Republican and Democratic prospective candidates for mayor, with Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt in the stellar roles.

At the meeting of the league Tuesday, the minutes of the bolted meeting of March 2 will come up for ratification. It will be recalled that on March 2, after a good deal of disorder, the Davis following claimed it had procured an indorsement of his candidacy, and the anti-Davis element, including President John Braschwitz and some of the directors of the league, asserted there was no adjournment.

### No Indorsement in Minutes.

It became known yesterday that Dr. A. P. Hammond, who acted as secretary of the meeting of March 2, has prepared minutes which show that there was no indorsement of Davis. The Davis following, it is said, is preparing to dispute the minutes and a fight over their ratification is expected to ensue.

Tonight's meeting between Norton and Witt, before the Progressive Club, is expected to develop some preliminary issues for the real campaign. Both men have been giving mysterious hints about exciting issues they intend to spring, and on that account some interest attaches to the session.

### Expect to Be Heckled.

That both Witt and Norton will be heckled is expected. Instead, some persons went so far as to say yesterday that the remnants of the Bull Moose, who are back of the meeting, arranged it for no other purpose. Davis, who was invited, has pleaded other engagements.

Witt yesterday indicated that he would try to identify himself with the Baker administration on the stump, an announcement that was received with joy by Republicans.

"Of course, I am a part of the administration," Witt said. "Both Mayor Baker and myself will be on the stump talking about it."

The last recent instance where a subordinate member of an administration ran for mayor, with the last mayor's support, was in the Baker-

Hogen campaign, when Hogen was defeated.

Opposition to the Myers bill, which will, if passed, permit the erection of a terminal station by electric and steam railroads at Prospect ave. and Ontario st., on the part of clients of Attorney Edward David, of David & Heald, has ceased. David said yesterday. He said his clients were land owners whose property might be appropriated for the depot, but that he has learned the bill gave no additional appropriation rights to depot companies.

David had appealed to Chairman E. J. Hopple, of the Cuyahoga legislative delegation, for a hearing Saturday. The hearing may not be held.

## MERIT TEST OF PROBATIONARY POLICE APRIL 24

Civil Service Board Agrees to  
Detective Wage Changes and  
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Age of Patrolmen.

Probationary patrolmen to be admitted to the police force under Director of Public Safety Benesch's plan of reorganization, just approved, will be examined by the civil service commission April 24. Personality tests to determine fitness may not, however, be a part of the examination.

The date for the examination was fixed yesterday and the civil service commission agreed to detective wage changes and reduction in minimum ages of patrolmen, adopted by the department of safety. It is to act on the question of personality tests later.

Police Chief Rowe declared yesterday that the change would result in more care being observed in the selection of candidates. The lowering of the age limit to twenty-one years will make it possible to give young men a thorough police training before they reach the age of thirty years, Rowe said.

The part of the ordinance authorizing an increase of pay for older members of the detective bureau will become effective as soon as signed by Mayor Baker. This probably will be today. There are eight detectives who have served the required ten years, whose pay will be increased \$100 each. The pay of Lieutenants Sterling and Matowitz, of the detective bureau, will be advanced from \$1,450 to \$1,650 per year.

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Staff Special.

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The Cleveland chamber of commerce is expected soon to take a stand on the measure, based on a report to be made by assistant secretary T. C. Wellsted, following a hearing on the bill here Tuesday.

Mayor Baker asserted here, before the committee, that opposition of the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads to the bill is not based on a serious difference with the city.

### Wants Land for People.

Baker scouted the statement of S. H. West, Lake Shore attorney, that passage of the bill will mean years more of litigation, the delay of the union station and other lake shore projects, and will be a serious injustice to the two railroads.

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The unexpected entry of M. F. Bramley, Cleveland-Trinidad Paving Company, and F. W. Treadway, 17337 Lake ave., Lakewood, in the lists of the opposition, dashed considerable cold water upon Mayor Baker, Councilman McGinty and Attorney James Metzbaum, the city's trio of defenders.

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## NORTON SCORCHES

### WITT; PETE HURLS STRING OF ALIBIS

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**Hatton Presides.**

Questions were put to both men by persons in the audience. Professor Augustus Hatton was the chairman.

All questions were answered, including one as to vice segregation, except the final one. It was propounded by George H. Bender and was:

"Do you favor bringing Billy Sunday to Cleveland?"

Neither candidate answered that one.

From a political standpoint the eighty or more men in the hall were cosmopolitan. There was a scattering of the few Bull Moose remaining, a sprinkling of Republican politicians and quite a number of Democratic city employees to see that Witt got fair play.

Hatton announced that the rules would be "catch as catch can." Nothing was said about packing house rules and so far as observed Witt failed to practice any.

**Agree on One Question.**

Both men were asked what they would do about vice.

"I don't claim to have the knowledge the present chief of police has on that," Norton said. "I'd follow his judgment until I saw a reason for a change."

"That's about my sentiment; I don't know anything about the thing," Witt followed.

A man inquired what the police should do in strikes. Norton said that would have to be determined for each particular case. Witt said the police should not be used by either in a strike.

They were questioned on Harry L. recent declaration that the

finance director should be elected. Both declared for the federal appointive plan.

"I believe as good men could be appointed as elected," Norton said. "There is no reason why a mayor should not appoint a man of Davis' ability as director."

"Davis doesn't know much about municipal government," Witt declared. "He got away with it a year ago because Baker did not handle him as he ought to be handled, but I'll guarantee he won't get away with it this year."

**Pete After Bosses.**

Norton said he was not satisfied with the preferential election, but did not favor a special election because of expense. Witt declared for the preferential system and said it crippled political bosses, and he would not have been able to be a candidate without it.

Witt and Norton clashed on the county getting tax money from the city for roads. Witt was against it, Norton for it because the county is building bridges for the city.

A charge of extravagance against the Baker administration was made by Norton, who said payrolls were being swelled and "uplift" departments neglected. He charged the city waterworks had padded its claim of profits in 1913 by charging only \$163,974 for depreciation in that year instead of \$342,729 in 1912.

The waterworks claimed a profit of \$453,951 in 1913, against \$290,654 in 1912. The profits in 1913 should have been stated as \$178,782 less than the claim, he said.

**Criticizes Pete's Work.**

Norton said the police department was crippled by laxity at Warrensville, and criticized Witt's administration of the traction line, claiming Witt tried to usurp the power of the council.

Norton read the section of the Tayler franchise, telling what the company, council and commissioner had power to do.

"Say, Mr. Norton," inquired an auditor, "does it say anything in there about the comfort of passengers?"

"It does," Norton replied.

The audience roared with laughter. Witt seemed to flush.

## BILL FOR SUBWAY TO BE INTRODUCED

**City Council Will Be Asked to  
Authorize \$9,000,000 Freight  
Tube for East Side.**

City council will be asked Monday night to grant a franchise for a \$9,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st., according to William M. White, attorney, representing O. C. Barber, millionaire manufacturer of Barberton, who is backing the project.

White with Joseph J. Bretinger, also representing Mr. Barber, conferred with Director of Public Service Sidlo on the proposition yesterday and stated that a rough draft of the franchise would be submitted to Mayor Baker today.

The franchise will be asked in the name of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, which was incorporated several months ago.

According to the terms of the franchise submitted to Sidlo the company would be given a long term grant of the use of E. 55th st., for a four-track subway from the lake to the valley and also the privilege of erecting huge ore docks on the lake front at E. 55th st.

The cost of the subway would be approximately \$1,200,000 a mile and six and one-half miles would be constructed.

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## STATE CONTROLS CITY'S STREETS?

**Issue is Raised in Suit to En-  
join Laying of Tracks  
on Fulton-rd.**

**Allege Power is Not Given  
to Municipality by  
Home Rule.**

Control of the city streets is vested in the state government and is not one of the powers conferred upon municipalities by the home rule amendment to the constitution—which made the Cleveland charter possible.

This statement was made yesterday in Common Pleas Judge Willis Vickery's court by Attorney Hermon A. Kelley of the law firm of Hoyt, Dustin, Kelley, McKeehan & Andrews. The case under consideration was that of E. C. Goebel, 3718 Fulton-rd S. W., who is seeking an injunction to prevent the Cleveland Railway Co. from laying tracks in Fulton-rd S. W. and Archwood-av S. W. on authority of council, but without consent of property owners.

Although Mr. Kelley was not retained in the Goebel case, he was permitted to offer an argument for the injunction, because he represents several owners of Euclid-av property between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st, who recently asked an injunction against the railway company on the same ground as Mr. Goebel.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell was another who offered arguments in the case. He stated he was in the case because the city, although not a defendant, is the real party at interest. He argued that the charter, drawn under the home rule amendment, gives the city the broadest powers of local self-government, including authority to grant franchises to public utility corporations.

Attorneys for the plaintiff claim the city council has no right to authorize the railway company to lay tracks on streets without the written consent of the majority of residents owning land fronting on the streets.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, Traction Commissioner Peter Witt, President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. and H. J. Davies, secretary of the company, were present at the morning session of the hearing.

At the close of the hearing yesterday afternoon Common Pleas Judge Willis Vickery asked the attorneys of both sides to submit briefs today. The suit may be taken at once to the court of appeals and the supreme court as a test of the constitutionality of the provision of the charter, giving council the right to authorize building of car lines without consents from property owners.

## COUNCILMEN FIGHT CLAUSES OF BILL

**Say Myers Measure on Ter-  
minal Here Gives Rail-  
roads Much Power.**

**Assert Steam Lines Needn't  
Operate 'Stores and  
Hotels.'**

Declaring the operation of stores and hotels and "other structures" not specifically mentioned is not a railroad function, members of the city council yesterday strongly opposed the Myers bill, which is said

to have been drawn with reference to the interurban terminal project in Cleveland.

The bill as drawn would permit a union depot company "to construct and maintain warehouses, stores, office buildings, hotels and other structures for the accommodation of the public and operate or lease the same."

The bill was reported out yesterday by the senate committee on judiciary and will come up for passage in the senate today.

"I was told the bill would give the company that is planning to build an interurban terminal here the right to do what the New York Central has done in New York city," said Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday. "A hotel has been constructed in connection with the terminal there. I did not know the bill as drawn would give a union depot company the right to operate stores and hotels. This may be too sweeping."

The Cleveland & Youngstown railroad interests have been planning to construct a great interurban terminal at Prospect-av N. W. and Ontario-st.

The primary object of the Myers bill, it was reported some time ago, was to give electric and steam railroads the right to consolidate in a union depot project.



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## CITY MAY ENTER UTILITY BATTLE

Council to Protest Cutting of Board's Force.

Council Monday night will be asked to take a hand in the fight against action of the legislature in cutting the state public utilities commission's force of appraisal experts.

Councilman Reynolds Thursday announced he'll introduce two resolutions.

One will call on council to send formal protest to Gov. Willis, both houses of the legislature and public utilities commissioners, demanding more instead of less men be hired to complete valuation of Illuminating Co. property here.

The other will authorize Server Sidlo to request the Illuminating Co. to account for all funds collected from consumers since May 1, 1914, in excess of the maximum 3-cent rate provided by ordinance.

### May Demand Bigger Bond.

Illuminating Co. officials last spring were required by the state to put up a \$1,000,000 bond, from which refunds will be paid to customers in case state public utilities commissioners hold the 3-cent maximum rate is just and legal.

Reynolds' second resolution will authorize city officials to demand that the Illuminating Co. be required to increase its bond from one million to two or three millions, in case its books show the amount now held by the state would be insufficient to make full refunds.

Mayor Baker and Law Director Stockwell Thursday pledged they'd back Reynolds' move. Reynolds will ask that both resolutions be adopted as emergency measures.

"It's time for the city to take hand in this fight," Reynolds said Thursday. "A square deal to Cleveland light users hinges on speedy valuation of Illuminating Co. property."

## Suggests Baker Use Tadpoles for Municipal Phone Plant

Bitter recollections of the time when the pond at the old South Brooklyn municipal lighting plant became thick as dough from tadpoles, and to eradicate the pest an ingenious light official put blue vitriol in the water, with the result every bit of machinery had to be overhauled to prevent its being eaten to nothingness by the acid, brought forth acid-like grimaces at city hall Thursday when an editorial, written by John Kendrick Bangs, in "Concerning Municipal Ownership" reopened the sore.

The editorial suggests the municipal tadpoles be used by Mayor Baker to establish a municipally-owned telegraph and telephone system.

"The idea isn't so far-fetched as it may seem, in view of past occurrences," opined Councilmen Dittrick. "Some things done by the municipal light department might measure up with the tadpole-telephone system."

Here is the jab "Concerning Municipal Ownership" takes at Baker in the Economist:

"Our predatory office-boy, with his privately-owned freckles filched from the public's own sun gleaming like brazenly corrupt sequins upon his hireling nose, entered our sanctum the other day with a night lettergram in his hand which he said he wished to send collect to our friend Mayor Baker of Cleveland, O., but which he did not feel he should transmit without first securing our approval. Not desiring to add any further burdens to the pocket-

ets of Mayor Baker's suffering community of taxpayers, even to the extent of a half dollar plus a one cent war tax, we forbade the use of the wire for the transmission of the message, but solaced our budding economist with the promise that we would print his lettergram in this department if we could by any possibility get it by the editor. It is fulfillment of this promise that the document is herewith presented:

"To His Honor the Honorable Mayor Baker, Cleveland, O.

Why not use them there municipally owned tadpoles in your civic frog pond at Brooklyn, O., for the establishment of a municipally owned telegraph and telephone company? All you will have to do will be to eliminate the tads and string your wires on the poles, thereby saving much money to the down-trodden hoy polloy what now has to pay tribute to the lumber trust every time they telegraph or telephone to their wives that they are detained downtown on business and won't be home until mornin'.

(Signed) Henderson Squint, Office-Boy."

## MAYOR RETRACTS ASPHALT CHARGES

Baker, Convinced by Contractors, Admits His Statements Unjustified Before Revision Board.

Mayor Baker retracted statements concerning the merits of asphalt paving at a meeting of the city board of revision of assessments yesterday, when the proposal to resurface Scranton rd., from Clark ave. to 25th st., was under consideration.

At a former meeting of the board Baker had condemned this paving in the strongest terms.

"Since that time contractors have shown me a number of good asphalt pavements that have been down for years," said Baker. "Lake ave. is one of them. I guess that I will have to back water, as I find that the statement I made concerning the wearing qualities of asphalt was unjustified."

Scranton rd. property owners reported they were opposed to repaving the street with brick and asked an asphalt resurface if the work was to be done next year. They said they preferred to have the city delay the work for another year. New estimates of cost are to be prepared and final action will be taken by the board in two weeks.

## GAHN TO FIGHT FREIGHT TUBES

Councilman Gahn, consistent opponent of the Hopkins subway grant, declared Thursday he will fight the proposed franchise permitting O. C. Barber, millionaire match king, of Barberton, to build a freight subway in E. 55th st., from the lake to the river valley, unless provision is made that the city can at any time have the use of one of the four tracks, and it is explained whether the B. & O. railroad intends using the tubes to any extent.

Public hearings also will be demanded, Gahn promised. The ninety-nine-year franchise, submitted by Service Director Sidlo to Mayor Baker and Law Director Stockwell Thursday, is expected to go to council Monday night.

Gahn said he will ask that the connection of capitalists back of Barber with the B. & O. be revealed, if any. At present the road is seeking a high level freight terminal and permission from council to take over the rights of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley railroad, now a subsidiary of the B. & O.

## WITT TALKS RIGHT UP

Furious mixups on every governmental question facing the city, from street car affairs to abolition of the vice zone, were features Wednesday night of a two-hour debate before the Progressive club.

Peter Witt, tractioner and candidate for mayor, and Miner G. Norton, who wants Mayor Baker's job under republican auspices, did the debating.

Witt charged misunderstanding of the Tayler grant by G. H. Dahl, former tractioner, is partly responsible for increased carfare.

Witt flayed attempts by party bosses to abolish the charter system of preferential voting, and lambasted Harry L. Davis, who also wants to be mayor.



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## PUSH MAYOR BOOM FOR ATTY. DAVID

Republicans Seek to Crystallize Sentiment for Candidacy of Lawyer.

Davis Backers in League Try to Avoid Clashes Over Aspirant.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Efforts are being made by a group of Republicans active in their party's politics to crystallize a boom for Attorney W. L. David for mayor.

Several secret meetings have been held in Mr. David's behalf. The attorney has been mentioned as a possible candidate for some time, but just recently the movement has taken definite form.

At a conference yesterday afternoon in Cornelius Maloney's law office in the Williamson building it was asserted Mr. David's name was received favorably, although it was

said the discussion mainly was confined to the subject of party harmony, in line with the purpose of the conciliation committee, on which Mr. Maloney was appointed some time ago by President John Brascowitz of the League of Republican Clubs.

One of the Republicans at the conference was John E. Jones, chief of park police under the Herman Baehr administration. Mr. Jones was active last summer in the pre-primary campaign of Ralph D. Cole of Findlay for the Republican nomination for United States senator. Mr. Cole and Mr. David are close friends. Mr. David formerly having been a figure in Hancock county politics.

Other Republicans interested say that behind the politics of the boom is a development of David sentiment among conspicuous business men.

Mr. David was discussed informally by a number of seventeenth ward Republicans following a meeting Wednesday night at 6406 Outhwaite-av S. E. The Republicans who attended that session took the attitude of not wishing to indorse any candidate.

Attorney Maloney at his office yesterday said his sole interest at present lay in considering means of establishing Republican harmony.

"The sentiment which prompted the appointing of a committee by the League of Republican Clubs to bring about a united Republican strength is approved by practically the entire Republican party," he asserted.

The chief backers of Harry L. Davis, including Collector of Customs Maurice Maschke, have decided to have Davis supporters in the League of Republican Clubs avoid further clashes over the candidacy of Mr. Davis at meetings of the league, it appeared yesterday.

The determination was discussed at the weekly meeting of the Davis leaders in the office of George B. Harris Wednesday, it was explained.

This attitude may mean that the disagreement over minutes of the last meeting expected to arise next Tuesday night won't materialize.

George Schauffele, Republican, actively identified with the Miner G. Norton campaign, was mentioned yesterday as a possible contender against Clerk Peter J. Henry for clerk of municipal court.

Congressman H. I. Emerson and others will speak tonight at a meeting of the Twentieth Ward Republican club, E. 88th-pl near Hough-av N. E. Officers yesterday invited all Republicans to attend.

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## MURRAY URGES G. O. P. TO UNITE ON CANDIDATE

Tells Twentieth Ward Club Success of Mayoralty Fight Depends on Eliminating Factionalism.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

A movement to stir rank and file Republicans to demand that there be only one Republican candidate for mayor of Cleveland was started last night by William P. Murray, a member of the firm of Pickands, Mather & Co., in an unexpected speech before the Twentieth Ward Republican Club.

Both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, the two Republicans who have been circulating petitions for mayor, were called in by Murray in an effort to unite on one man, he told the club. His mediation, he said, had no effect.

Before the meeting concluded, the club had adopted a resolution binding its delegates to the League of Republican Clubs not to vote for the indorsement of any candidate until ordered to do so by the ward club.

Murray began his speech by talking of the necessity of a change in the national administration to restore prosperity. He said that the first step should be taken in Cleveland this fall. Peter Witt, he pointed out, has the backing of the Democratic organization.

"For us to win it is necessary to unite on one man," Murray declared. "We can win if we do and we cannot if we don't."

"I have talked to Davis and Norton separately and have tried to find a way that we can be united on one man. I found them so strong in their individual positions that the only thing to do is to stir the Republicans up to have only one candidate. I don't care who that candidate is."

He said that the situation demanded that some force be brought to bear on it. Murray urged that "shop politics" be abandoned and that the Republicans of the city get down to business. A victory in Cleveland this fall, he said, would spread through the state and aid the party in its 1916 fight, for which he said every loyal Republican should prepare. Congressman Henry I. Emerson and Charles S. Horner were among those who supported Murray in his position.

Last night's speech was the first political speech by Murray in recent years. He has always been interested in Republican politics and has been an important factor in campaigns.

Active work of reorganizing the Democrats for the mayoralty campaign will be started April 1, Secretary Thomas Brannon, of the party executive committee, announced yesterday.

Headquarters were reopened yesterday for the year on the first floor of the Engineers building. With the first of the month Brannon said he would start going over the lists of precinct captains with the ward leaders, preparatory to having changes made where the party organization does not think it has adequate representation in a precinct.

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## MAYOR IN WRECK UNDER LAKE ERIE

Wrecking of a compressed air locomotive, which hauls workmen and material along the bottom of the lake, furnished an extra thrill yesterday, when Mayor Baker inspected West Side tunnel construction.

The mayor continued the journey on foot to the scene of actual digging, at the end of the old seven-foot tunnel. Baker said that he was satisfied with progress.

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## MAYOR STRANDED, WALKS UNDER LAKE

Baker and Party Inspect New Tunnel on Foot When Car Breaks Down.

City Officials Say They Are Satisfied With Progress of Work.

Far beneath the bed of Lake Erie Mayor Newton D. Baker and a party of city officials yesterday were forced to walk two miles through the new West Side tunnel when one of the cars of the inspection train jumped the track and stranded the party.

The city officials were lowered to the tunnel level at the Whisky island end of the old part of the tube. In the party, in addition to the mayor were Public Utilities Director C. W. Stage, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and Milton L. Young, secretary to the mayor.

Shortly after the officials had boarded the train, which is moved by compressed air, one of the small cars jumped the track. The 9,000-foot

walk to the end of the tube was started.

"There was no danger or discomfort," said Director Sidlo. "The tunnel is well lighted and there was plenty of room. We were in no danger of being run down as we could be seen from approaching trains."

"We walked to the end of the new tube and took a car back."

The inspection yesterday was made at the suggestion of Director Stage. The tunnel work is being done by direct city labor. Concrete rings used in the construction of the tube are made in a city plant located on Whisky island.

City officials were satisfied with the progress of the work. About 2,000 feet of new tunnel has been constructed.



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## CITY IS STILL BUSY AIDING REALTY FIRM

The city was still on the job Saturday at the westerly end of Edgewater park "making land" for the Edgewater Cliff Co. and grading down a fine roadway in front of the land company's property.

Foremen, paid from city funds, were directing 41 laborers paid from the unemployment fund recently raised by private subscription. The workers used city wheelbarrows, picks and shovels.

Dirt taken from the proposed roadway, skirting the land company's property, was being dumped into a ravine which the city donated to the Edgewater Cliff Co. for the privilege of building the roadway. When this ravine, 80 by 800 feet, is filled in, it will be worth \$50,000, it is said.

### Jobless Money Spent.

About \$3000 of unemployment money has been spent thus far in making the roadway and filling in the ravine. When the job is completed the city will have spent about \$15,000, Server Sidlo estimates.

The land company then will have a "dead-end" roadway overlooking Lake Erie. It owns all the land fronting this roadway and already has put a handsome price on the lots.

The public will be able to walk along this roadway, which runs along a bluff 60 feet above the lake.

That's all the people will get out of this city venture except riparian rights to the lakefront. At present there is no beach, the waves washing right up to the bluff.

Before any of this land can be reclaimed a breakwater must be constructed and huge fill-ins made. When it is reclaimed, the land company gets exclusive use of 300 feet for 30 years.

### Goff to Call Meeting.

Fred H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, Saturday said he would call a meeting early next week to consider preventing the expenditure of more unemployment funds to hire workmen on this job.

He will ask Server Sidlo, who de-

fends the project, and John A. Cline, attorney, who attacks it, to attend.

The city is doing the work under an agreement with the land company, ratified by council March 12, 1913.

Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo indicated Saturday they intend to complete the city's part of the bargain.

"We've made a good deal," said the mayor. "Whenever you spend money on public improvements you benefit somebody's property. The people will get a public highway along one of the finest lakefront bluffs in the city."

"We also get riparian rights of tremendous value."

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## GOFF TO PROBE PARK LAND DEAL

Forty per cent of the \$2,500 Mayor Baker's unemployed commission has expended for grading drives on land at the westerly end of Edgewater park, traded to the city by the Edgewater-Cliff Company, has been wasted because hand labor was insisted on and teams and scrapers barred, Park Commissioner Alber and Park Engineer Newman declared Saturday.

The drives are the ones Attorney John A. Cline and Charles P. Salen have charged will benefit almost exclusively the realty company, which was behind the defeated Cliff dr. project. While Salen and Cline were determining the means of bringing an injunction to hold up the work F. H. Goff, president of the Cleveland Trust Company and chairman of the unemployed commission, laid plans for a thorough investigation.

"The unemployed commission insisted that only hand labor be used," Alber declared Saturday.

It also developed Saturday that laborers paid from the unemployed fund are grading the Edgewater-Cliff Company's land facing the new drive.

According to Salen and Cline, in building a drive on the tract along the lake traded to the city, and in extending a park boulevard to meet a road being cut through the heart of the realty company's allotment, the city is doubling the value of the company's holdings while not benefiting the city.

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## CITY'S NEGLECT DELAYS SEWER DISPOSAL PLANT

Contracts for West Side Structure Let Six Months Ago;  
Sidlo Now Trying to Get  
Land to Place It On.

"DOESN'T LOOK LIKE GOOD  
BUSINESS," SAYS DITTRICK

Councilmen, Facing Fine for  
Failure to Obey State Order,  
Demand Explanation.

Failure of city officials to acquire necessary land before letting contracts for the building of a West Side sewage disposal plant has already resulted in a six months' delay in the purification of the Cuyahoga river, Councilman Dittrick charged yesterday.

Work has not been started on the disposal plant because the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which owns land at W. 58th st., needed as a site, has refused to give the city a deed. Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday that he did not know when a title to the land would be acquired, although he expected to complete negotiations soon. Contracts for the work were let last fall and city officials have been negotiating for a site since then.

### Councilmen Face Fine.

Purification of the river was ordered by the state board of health. Councilmen face a fine of \$500 unless pollution ceases before July 1. Sanitary Engineer Pratt, in charge of the building of the disposal plants, admits that the work can not be completed then. He expects to obtain a modification of the board's order.

"It does not look like good business policy to let a contract for work before you have your site," said Dittrick, yesterday. He will introduce a resolution in the council calling for a report on the progress of sewage disposal plant work.

### "Time for Them to Get Busy."

"I don't want to pay a \$500 fine for the slowness of administrative officers, who have had three years in which to start work," said Dittrick. "It is time for them to get busy."

Three disposal plants are to be built by the city. One is planned for Newburg Heights, another for Collinwood and the third at W. 58th st. Excavation work for the Newburg Heights plant started this spring, after being held up all winter. The plants will cost \$2,000,000.

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## SEE IN COLLISTER TIMBER FOR MAYOR

Many Republicans Think Ju-  
rist Would Make Compro-  
mise Candidate.

Democrats Tighten Organiza-  
tion Preparatory to  
Witt Campaign.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Politics, from all indications, will be a word of livelier meaning in the month commencing this week Thursday that it has been in the month just closing.

With the coming of April, "compromise" is still the undercurrent of talk among Republicans with reference to the mayoralty situation. Judge C. W. Collister of common pleas court was mentioned in Republican sources yesterday as a man upon whom Republicans might be able to agree, and his name was added to the list of those advanced as compromise possibilities.

The ending of March sees an awakening of interest in the mayoralty situation by men designated as "big Republicans," "big" referring to position in the financial and business worlds. Their interest is over the fact that the advent of spring finds the Republican mayoralty field still divided. They want Cleveland, the home of two Republican presidential possibilities, to be in the Republican column for the presidential year and expect harmony in the ranks.

The Democratic county organization will begin to stir in April. Preliminary to launching the Peter Witt campaign, Tom R. Brannon, in charge at Democratic headquarters, will revise party lists of precinct workers, filling vacancies and tightening organization lines. Activities among Democratic ward clubs also will be quickened.

Candidate Witt's petitions will be placed in the hands of Democratic organization workers some time after May 1.

In discussions of congressional timber arising on the Republican side as a result of talk of changing district lines, there comes up the name of Mayor W. E. Minshall of East Cleveland.

Mayor Minshall was an "almost" candidate last year, and had it not been for a spell of sickness, would have been in the primary campaign for the twenty-second district nomination with Councilman W. S. Fitzgerald and H. I. Emerson.

At a meeting of the Jefferson club, Democratic organization of Ward 15, yesterday afternoon on Harvard-av S. E., near E. 71st-st. Councilman W. F. Thompson, president of council, was indorsed for re-election. The club at its last meeting indorsed Peter Witt for mayor.



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## CLASH LIKELY OVER COUNCIL MEASURES

Stinchcomb's Bathhouse Plan Fees and Payne Line Extension Expected to Precipitate Rows.

Hot clashes over a number of pending measures are expected at committee sessions this afternoon and at tonight's meeting of the city council. All important committees of the council will hold sessions.

Payment of extra architect fees to W. A. Stinchcomb, county engineer, for preparing Edgewater park bathhouse plans, will draw the fire of minority members of the council at the meeting of the committees on finance and parks. Councilman Woods will make efforts to override Street Railway Commissioner Witt's wishes and obtain passage of an ordinance extending the Payne ave. car line to E. 105th st.

Director of Public Safety Benesch will oppose Councilman Foster when the building code committee considers the repealing of an ordinance requiring installation of automatic gas cut-off valves. Efforts of Councilman FitzGerald to obtain light on the condition of waterworks funds and Councilman Ditttrick's proposal to prod slowness in building sewage disposal plants will also arouse Democratic councilmen.

Ditttrick, who charges six months' delay in the purification of the Cuyahoga river, because contracts for a West Side sewage disposal plant were let before a site was bought, will ask for a report on sewage disposal work. There may also be opposition to Mayor Baker's proposed revision of the city plan ordinance. As drawn by Baker, the amended ordinance provides that six of the eleven city plan

commissioners shall be departmental directors. This gives too much power to the city officials, in the opinion of minority members of the council.

Members of the Twentieth Ward Improvement Club will be present at the street railway committee meeting to back Woods' demand for an extension of the Payne ave. car line. Transfers can be made at E. 105th st. without climbing a steep hill if the extension is made. The proposal to join the W. 65th st. and Denison-Harvard crosstown lines will be considered also.

Councilman Kalina will introduce a resolution directing the law department to bring suit to determine whether mortgage bonds can be issued for the building of a new central market house. Kalina will also ask the appointment of a commission to govern amateur baseball in city parks.

Submission of a \$100,000 bond issue for the erection of public comfort stations is provided in a resolution to be submitted by Councilman Tack.

## SECRET SIGNERS TO ASK BAKER TO RETAIN RESORTS

Delegation to Present Petition From 8,000 Today in Final Effort to Prevent Abolition Wednesday.

THOSE ACTIVE IN FIGHT DENY ANY PARTICIPATION

To Carry Matter to Council if Mayor Declines to Act Favorably.

Petitions, whose seven or eight thousand signers evidently pledged themselves to secrecy, will be presented to the mayor at 10 o'clock this morning in an effort to influence him to rescind the order closing the segregated district Wednesday. If the mayor declines to see the delegation, the members will present their case to city council, when it convenes tonight.

Every person previously mentioned in connection with the plans to get Baker to overrule Chief Rowe's order closing the resorts last night disclaimed all knowledge of the petitions.

Mrs. J. K. Parker, secretary of the Woman's Civic Association, first in favor of the plan, but who later abandoned it, said her latter view

## G. O. P. LEAGUE RALLY TO BAR NON-MEMBERS

Tickets Are Issued to Prevent Unauthorized Persons to Attend Session Tomorrow Night.

DAVIS-NORTON CONFLICT MAY BE BROUGHT UP

Former Councilman Braschwitz Urged to Be Candidate Again in Second Ward.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

No chances of a packed meeting of the League of Republican Clubs tomorrow night are being taken by President John Braschwitz.

Notice cards of the meeting, in the hands of the delegates of the league yesterday, stated that attendance at the session in the Engineers building would be restricted to duly enrolled delegates to the league and that the invitation card must be presented at the door.

These elaborate precautions are due, it is said, to charges that the last special meeting of the league, at which the most recent conflict between the friends and opponents of Harry L. Davis occurred, was packed with men who were not members of the organization.

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Hot clashes over a number of pending measures are expected at committee sessions this afternoon and at tonight's meeting of the city council. All important committees of the council will hold sessions.

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Following the statement of Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, and J. J. Turner, second vice president of the Pennsylvania, that Cleveland will not get a new union station until the lake front land dispute has been definitely settled, Mayor Baker Thursday submitted the proposition that the city give the roads a fee simple title to part of the Bath street fishing grounds, just

east of the river mouth and worth \$20,000,000, in return for lake frontage east of E. 9th st.

To facilitate details of the trade, which Turner and Smith declared seems feasible, a committee, representing the railroads and the city, will go over the ground and report May 3.

"The lake front decision, whereby the city gained possession of the Bath street grounds, affect the railroads vitally and its settlement is indispensable to a continuance of station negotiations," Smith told Baker. "The land question must be settled first of all. Under former plans it would have been necessary to spend \$8,000,000 in elevating the grade to the proposed station; we have determined the returns will not justify such an expenditure."

"The city's view is one of helpfulness toward the railroads," Baker declared. "Cleveland intends having a harbor that will not be monopolized by two or three railroads or by private interests. The city, I am certain, is willing to trade part of the Bath st. grounds to the roads in return for part of the lake front east of 9th st."

Baker said he was willing that changes in the grade approaching the station be made when E. R. Graham, Chicago, architect with Burnham & Co., said sunken gardens could be designed to obviate any lack of harmony with mall plans, and that the roads could save \$8,000,000 thereby.

Smith, in going over the ground, said talk of a new station on the site of the present one, as well as at the foot of E. 26th st., has not been abandoned because the site proposed at the foot of E. 3d st., has received major attention in recent negotiations.

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Uniformed policemen, assigned by Chief Rowe, Monday afternoon, were to act as censors at the initial presentation in Cleveland of the motion picture drama, "The Nigger," at the Standard theater, 813 Prospect ave. Protests made to Mayor Baker by negro citizens caused him to instruct Rowe to ascertain if the film play is proper for Cleveland to see.

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## AIM AT POLITICAL BAN ON SALOONIST

### Republicans Here Seek Law to Provide Forfeiture of License.

### Alteration of Licensing Meth- ods May Affect Mayor- alty Situation.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Two suggestions of ideas for embodiment in a new liquor license law when the state administration turns its attention to changing Ohio's license system have been urged upon assemblymen at Columbus from Republican sources in Cleveland.

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Copies of the Wickline bill to amend the election laws were in the hands of several Democratic and Republican politicians yesterday.

That the measure is loosely drawn and contains numerous errors and inconsistencies was an opinion voiced by both Democrats and Republicans who had examined it. John H. Orgill, Republican, president of the Cuyahoga county board of elections, and T. L. McDonough, Democratic member of the board, went to Columbus yesterday to discuss it with assemblymen. Mr. Orgill said he found forty errors at first reading that he expected to point out to legislators.

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"While the common belief has been that the sale price of the station site must be submitted to voters for approval, Frank J. Jerome, New York Central counsel, Mayor Baker, and I have satisfied ourselves the new charter supersedes the state law and will demand no referendum," Stockwell said. "The measure would go through council in the usual manner, and if 10 per cent of the voters demand a referendum it can be brought about."

Stockwell thus reverses himself, for when he was a state senator he had a law passed demanding a referendum on all city land sales to railroads. He holds the city charter has superseded this law.

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## What Council Did

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Unless interests from outside city hall force it, there will be no referendum on the sale of thirty-five acres of lake front at the foot of E. 3d st. to the railroads for a new union station, for \$1,400,000. Mayor Baker has so promised the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines. Neither will there be on the proposed trade of city-owned property just east of the river mouth for lake frontage east of E. 9th st.

That Baker and other city officials in effecting the trade must and will attempt to circumvent the state law which forbids the sale or giving away of a thoroughfare also became apparent Tuesday. City hall admittedly fears legal complications in attempting the trade, and consequently, temporary loss of the station, for both Alfred H. Smith, New York Central president, and J. J. Turner, second vice president of the Pennsylvania, told Baker, Law Director Stockwell and Service Director Sidlo late Monday the lake front tangle must be solved first.

**Stockwell Reverses Self.**

"While the common belief has been that the sale price of the station site must be submitted to voters for approval, Frank J. Jerome, New York Central counsel, Mayor Baker, and I have satisfied ourselves the new charter supersedes the state law and will demand no referendum," Stockwell said. "The measure would go through council in the usual manner, and if 10 per cent of the voters demand a referendum it can be brought about."

Stockwell thus reverses himself, for when he was a state senator he had a law passed demanding a referendum on all city land sales to railroads. He holds the city charter has superseded this law.

"It is true a state law forbids a municipality to dispose of its rights to a thoroughfare in any manner, but we will get around that and meet objections in some way. How, we have not yet decided," Stockwell said.

The tract, part of which the city would trade to the railroads, is to a big extent street, and in twenty-three years of litigation has been known as the "Bath street fishing grounds."

**Discuss Trade Soon.**

Details of the trade will be considered at a conference to be called

soon by D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central. Representing the city will be Sidlo, Stockwell and Finance Director Coughlin; the Pennsylvania, E. A. Seneff and Robert Trimble; the New York Central, Jerome, Moon, G. E. Cleveland and G. A. Harwood, who constructed the Grand Central terminal in New York. They will report back the week of May 3.

The Bath st. grounds were won by the city from the railroads last fall after a twenty-three-year fight in courts. The thirty-eight acres in it are estimated to be worth \$20,000,000. For ten years the city has been trying to get a foothold on the lake front beyond E. 9th st. Smith and Turner assured Baker the railroads' rights on the Bath st. grounds must be insured, and the right to fill east of the river to permit proper approach granted, before the new station actually is built.

**What Council Did**

Council Monday night:

VOTED DOWN Councilman Townes' request for a public hearing on guarantors' plan for financing municipal orchestra.

APPROVED \$17,000 bonds for street openings.

GAVE utilities department authority to expend \$500,000 for land for East Side filter plant west of Kirtland pumping station.

CONSENTED to Cleveland Railway Company contributing \$3,000 to Street Railway Employees' Association.

HEARD Councilman Fitzgerald denounce Councilman Reynolds and Mayor Baker for seeking to prod state utilities commission into hastening appraisal of Illuminating company.

RECEIVED O. C. Barber grant for \$10,-000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st., from lake to river valley.



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# ACTION ON LIGHT CUT DEMANDED

Law Director Stockwell to  
Ask Report of State Utili-  
ties Commission.

## COUNCIL BACKS MOVE

Passes Three Resolutions In-  
sisting Upon Appraisal of  
Illuminating Plant.

Law Director Stockwell is  
going to Columbus Wednesday  
to bring to a climax Cleve-  
land's battle for cheaper light.

Stockwell will demand that  
the state public utilities com-  
missioners tell him when  
they're going to hear the Cleve-  
land Illuminating Co.'s appeal  
from the 3-cent light ordinance  
passed a year ago.

He will be backed by three  
council resolutions passed to  
help force the issue to a head.

Stockwell knows the commis-  
sion won't be able to answer his  
question.

The hearing can't be held until  
the physical valuation of the il-  
luminating Co.'s property is com-  
pleted.

And the legislature in passing  
the emergency appropriation bill  
left out nine of the appraisers who  
were valuing the Illuminating Co.  
and other utilities.

But Stockwell does expect to  
find out just how far the apprais-  
al has gone, and from the commis-  
sion itself just what the cut in its  
force of experts will mean.

One of the resolutions passed  
by council Monday strikes directly  
at this cut. It's a protest to the  
commission, legislature and the  
governor against taking away the  
men upon whose work alone hangs  
the people's fight for even a hear-  
ing.

### To Strengthen City's Case.

Whatever else Stockwell finds  
out, he is sure he'll bring back an  
irrefutable argument which will  
be used in demanding that all the  
valuation experts cut off be put  
back on the payroll in the big ap-  
propriation bill next month.

Here's how Stockwell knows  
he'll get such an argument:

On Jan. 25, Tom Hogsett, il-  
luminating Co. lawyer, went be-  
fore the commission on this same  
matter—when the appeal should  
be heard. Stockwell wasn't there,  
but they sent him a copy of the  
record.

Hogsett suggested that the best  
way to get at the facts was to  
question L. G. White, the commis-  
sion's engineer, and find out how  
the physical valuation was coming

along. The engineer was called to  
the stand and sworn.

White testified that the first step  
in making a physical valuation is  
checking up the company's own  
inventory of its property.

Then he told how work on the  
Illuminating company appraisal  
was started November, 1914, when  
6069 inventory sheets were received  
from the company. Up to Jan. 23,  
he said, only 957 of these sheets  
had been checked over by the ap-  
praisers.

### Big Force is Vital.

White said that completion of  
the inventory depended entirely on  
the number of appraisers at work  
on it. He said that by using 12  
appraisers until the 6069 sheets  
were checked over, and then turn-  
ing the entire force of 27 or 28  
men on the job, the appraisal  
could be completed by July 1.

The meeting adjourned to  
March 31 on the chance that by  
this date the valuation would be  
in such shape that a definite date

for hearing the appeal could be  
set.

But the legislature has since  
cut out nine jobs, and lobbyists  
are clamoring for more cuts.

Stockwell and Mayor Baker  
have repeatedly charged that pri-  
vately owned utilities where val-  
uations are in progress are be-  
hind the determination to cripple

the appraisal force so it will be  
months, even years, before a  
hearing can be had on the ap-  
peal.

### Fitzgerald Protests.

The resolution of protest  
against this force crippling was  
passed unanimously by council,  
although Councilman Fitzgerald  
branded it an attempt to "em-  
barrass the state administra-

tion."

Then he voted for it.

The other resolutions passed by  
council called for a report on pro-  
cedure preliminary to purchase of  
the Illuminating company's sys-  
tem by the city; and called on the  
Illuminating company for an ac-  
counting of all money collected  
from light bills in excess of the  
3-cent rate, since the 3-cent ordi-

nance became effective.

If the city wins its fight the il-  
luminating company must refund  
to consumers all money collected  
in excess of the 3-cent rate. The  
company has posted a bond of  
\$1,000,000 to cover these refunds.

Reynolds, suspecting the excess  
collections have already passed  
the million mark, wants to know,  
so the city can boost the bond.

## RAP CITY AUDIT BY POLITICIANS

Council finance committeemen  
Tuesday were charged with a  
scheme to pass out political "paw"  
to henchmen in violation of the  
spirit of the city charter.

Bascom Little, Mayo Fesler and  
other charter framers made the  
charges, following recommenda-  
tion Monday night by committee-  
men that council hire three ac-  
countants, to cost a total of  
\$6000 annually, "to make a con-  
tinuous audit of city financial  
transactions in conformance with  
charter requirements."

"It's a waste of city money,"

Little said Tuesday.

"Charter framers never intend-  
ed council should hire favorites of  
its own to make the audit. The  
charter provides for hiring out-  
side experts to probe munny  
books. Good men can't be hired  
for \$6000."

"We might as well have no  
audit as to have political favor-  
ites of council do the work," Fes-  
ler said.

Councilmen Damm, Stolte and  
Moylan are members of the com-  
mittee which recommended hir-  
ing of the men.

"We can find good men for  
\$6000. That's all the state pays  
to audit Cleveland accounts,"  
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tal.

"It's council's business," he  
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